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23 November 2023

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday 22 November 2023

Time: 3:00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
92 Nelson Street, Nhill

Council: Cr Brett Ireland – Mayor
Cr Wendy Bywaters – Deputy Mayor (*apology*)
Cr Debra Nelson
Cr Melanie Albrecht
Cr Robert Gersch OAM
Cr Ron Ismay

Officers: Monica Revell – Acting Chief Executive Officer
Petra Croot – Acting Director Corporate & Community Services
Daniel Griffiths – Acting Director Infrastructure Services

Acknowledgement of Indigenous Community

Hindmarsh Shire Council acknowledges the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk Nations as Traditional Owners of Country.

We recognise the important ongoing role that Indigenous people have in our community and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.



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In Attendance:

Councillors:

Cr Brett Ireland (Mayor), Cr Melanie Albrecht, Cr Robert Gersch OAM, Cr Ron Ismay and Cr Debra Nelson.

Officers:

Ms Monica Revell (Acting Chief Executive Officer), Ms Petra Croot (Acting Director Corporate and Community Services), Mr Daniel Griffiths (Acting Director Infrastructure Services) and Ms Shauna Johnson (Executive Assisant).

1 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY & LIVE STREAMING STATEMENT

Cr B Ireland opened the meeting at 3:00pm by acknowledging the Indigenous Community and by reading out the live streaming statement.

2 APOLOGIES

Cr Wendy Bywaters was an apology.

3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

A Councillor or Officer with a conflict of interest in an item on the Agenda must indicate that they have a conflict of interest by clearly stating:

- the item for which they have a conflict of interest;
- whether their conflict is **general** or **material**; and
- the circumstances that give rise to the conflict of interest.

Declaration of material or general conflict of interest must also be advised by Councillors and Officers at the commencement of discussion of the specific item.

No conflicts of interest declared.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25 October 2023 at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre, and the Minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting held on Wednesday 8 November 2023 at the Nhill Council Chambers as circulated to Councillors be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: CRS M Albrecht/R Gersch

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25 October 2023 at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre, and the Minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting held on Wednesday 8 November 2023 at the Nhill Council Chambers as circulated to Councillors be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

Attachment Numbers: 1 – 2

5 PUBLIC QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

Community members wishing to ask questions at council meetings may do so, in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the council meeting. Both the question and answer will be read out at the meeting. Questions may be submitted by mail, email info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au or delivered in person to a council customer centre but are limited to two questions and 100 words including any pre-amble. Offensive, trivial and repetitive questions, questions which have been recently answered, or questions that may contain defamatory comments, may be excluded at the discretion of the Mayor.

The question must be accompanied by a name and the locality where the questioner resides or works, which will be read out at the meeting. By submitting a question, the questioner gives consent to this information being read out in public. Anonymous questions will not be answered.

No public questions or submissions received.

6 ACTIVITY REPORTS

COUNCILLOR ACTIVITIES: 17 October – 13 November 2023

6.1 CR IRELAND, MAYOR

Date	Meeting/Event	Location	Comments
17/10/2023	Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum AGM		Disappointing that we could not find anybody to fill the office bearing positions. We will try again next month.
18/10/2023	Meeting with the CEO	Nhill	Regarding the upcoming agenda.
21/10/2023	Jeparit Reconnect Weekend		BBQ in Menzies Square for breakfast.
21/10/2023	Attended the Dimboola Show		
22/10/2023	Guest judge and presenter at the Jeparit Car Show and followed up by attending A&P Society Show		Congratulations to everybody who put the show together and all the entrants in the various categories of food, craft, art etc.
23/10/2023	Rainbow Town meeting with Rainbow Progress Association to explore joint incorporation.		
25/10/2023	Council Briefing		
25/10/2023	Council Meeting		
26/10/2023	Yurunga Homestead Meeting		
27/10/2023	Mayor Matters Column to media		
31/10/2023	Australian Citizenship Ceremony	Council Chambers, Nhill	Always very enjoyable to welcome formally new citizens, to see the joy on their faces to what is an important step for them is very rewarding.
31/10/2023	Submit Mayors Annual Report to Council		
01/11/2023	Invited to Rotary Nhill dinner at the Union hotel along with other rotary dignities		

04/11/2023	Spoke and awarded certificate at Joyce Borgelt's 100th birthday in Nhill		A huge turnout for afternoon tea and was a great day.
08/11/2023	Statutory Meeting	Nhill	
09/11/2023	Submit draft editorial for council indigenous Reconciliation Plan		
12/11/2023	Submit written councillors report to JTAC due to clash with their meeting on the same night		To be presented by council staff delegate.
13/11/2023	Guest chair at the Nhill sporting club AGM		

6.2 CR BYWATERS, DEPUTY MAYOR

Date	Meeting/Event	Location	Comments
19/10/2023	Nhill Show		
21/10/2023	Dimboola Show		
25/10/2023	Council briefing meeting and Council Meeting		
28/10/2023	Rainbow Twilight market	Oasis, Rainbow	
28/10/2023	Piggery Lane players; Sherlock Holmes and the mystery of the pantomime	Nhill Memorial Community Centre	
30/10/2023	Nhill Town Committee AGM and general meeting	Senior Citizens Building, Nhill	
01/11/2023	Wimmera Multicultural Youth paddleboard event	Wimmera River, Horsham	I drove the youth in Council's community bus to Horsham.
07/11/2023	Homework Club	The Patch, Nhill	
07/11/2023	Hindmarsh Landcare general meeting and dinner	Dimboola Hotel	
08/11/2023	Hindmarsh statutory	Hindmarsh	

	briefing, and statutory meeting	Council Chambers, Nhill	
09/11/2023	Oaks Day	Jeparit	
13/11/2023	Dimboola Progress Association meeting	Dimboola Library	

6.3 CR GERSCH

Date	Meeting/Event	Location	Comments
17/10/2023	Meeting with acting CEO		
19/10/2023	Nhill A&P agricultural show		
22/10/2023	OAM dinner at Horsham		
25/10/2023	Council meeting		
26/10/2023	West ward councillors meeting with public		
31/10/2023	Citizenship at Nhill		
01/11/2023	Guest at Nhill Rotary club meeting		
08/11/2023	Statutory meeting briefing		
08/11/2023	Statutory meeting		
09/11/2023	Inspect Nhill swimming pool		
09/11/2023	Inspect works at Nhill community centre		
11/11/2023	Attend Remembrance Day service at Nhill		
13/11/2023	Nhill sporting club AGM		

6.4 CR ALBRECHT

Date	Meeting/Event	Location	Comments
19/11/2023	Nhill A&P Inc 137 th Nhill Annual Show	Nhill	Congratulations to the amazing Nhill Show committee that organised another spectacular event.
25/11/2023	Hindmarsh Shire Council briefing meeting	Nhill	
25/11/2023	Hindmarsh Shire	Nhill	

	Council Meeting		
26/11/2023	West Ward Councillor Meet and Greet	Nhill	
30/11/2023	Wimmera Southern Mallee Development Board Meeting	Online	
30/11/2023	Nhill Township Advisory Committee Annual General Meeting	Nhill	Congratulations to the new executive of the Nhill Town Committee and thank you for accepting the roles. I look forward to an exciting year ahead for the Committee.
30/11/2023	Nhill Township Advisory Committee Meeting	Nhill	
08/11/2023	Hindmarsh Council Briefing Meeting	Nhill	
08/11/2023	Hindmarsh Council Statutory Meeting	Nhill	
11/11/2023	Remembrance Day Ceremony	Dimboola	

6.5 CR NELSON

Date	Meeting/Event	Location	Comments
17/10/2023	Mates mentoring	DMSC	
25/10/2023	Council briefing	Nhill	
25/10/2023	Council meeting	Nhill	
31/10/2023	Mates mentoring	DMSC	
01/11/2023	Dimboola and District Historical Society AGM		
02/11/2023	Lion's Club re container deposit scheme		
04/11/2023	Meeting with new part owner Kiata Hotel		
08/11/2023	Stat meeting		
11/11/2023	Remembrance Day service		
11/11/2023	Dimboola Rowing Regatta		
12/11/2023	Town garage sales		

6.6 CR ISMAY

Date	Meeting/Event	Location	Comments
17/10/2023	Open the Rainbow Show		
18/10/2023	Chair election of office bearers Rainbow Landcare Committee		
25/10/2023	Council Briefing Meeting	Nhill	
25/10/2023	Council Meeting	Nhill	
27/10/2023	RREC working group meeting		Re Catering and Toilet Block.
08/11/2023	Pre statutory meeting	Nhill	
08/11/2023	Statutory meeting	Nhill	
13/11/2023	Meeting with Wayne Street Re Brewery		

7 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Responsible Officer: Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachment Numbers: 3 – 8

Introduction:

The following correspondence is attached for noting by Council.

Outwards:

- 2023/10/27 – Letter to Dimboola & District Historical Society RE Dimboola Senior Citizens Centre Submission
- 2023/10/27 – Letter to Dimboola Progress Association RE Dimboola Senior Citizens Centre Submission
- 2023/10/27 – Letter to Ilse Aschenbrenner RE Dimboola Senior Citizens Centre Submission
- 2023/10/27 – Letter to Jan John RE Dimboola Senior Citizens Centre Submission
- 2023/10/27 – Letter to Leigh Corbett RE Dimboola Senior Citizens Centre Submission
- 2023/10/27 – Letter to Tony Schneider RE Dimboola Senior Citizens Centre Submission

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the attached correspondence.

MOVED: CRS R Gersch/D Nelson

That Council notes the attached correspondence.

CARRIED

Attachment Numbers: 3 – 8

8 PLANNING PERMITS

No planning permit reports.

9 REPORTS REQUIRING A DECISION

9.1 GOVERNANCE UPDATES

Responsible Officer: Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachment Number: 9

Introduction:

This report seeks adoption of the **Councillor Interaction with Staff Policy**.

Discussion:

This policy sets out and provides clarity around the arrangements for interaction with Councillors and employees of Hindmarsh Shire Council in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act). A cooperative and supportive relationship between Councillors and Council staff ensures effective governance and decision-making.

The Councillor Interaction with Staff Policy has been updated in line with best practice policies endorsed by the Local Government Inspectorate and to better enable efficient and appropriate communication between relevant Council staff and Councillors. Changes include:

- Expanding the contact matrix to include IT Administrator and Manager Governance and Human Services; and
- Addition of provisions relating to mail received by Council staff that is directed at or addressed to Councillors but is operational in nature.

Options:

1. Council can choose to adopt the policy.
2. Council can choose to amend the policy prior to adoption; or
3. Council can choose to not adopt the policy.

Link to Council Plan:

Strong governance practices

A community well informed and engaged

Financial Implications:

NIL

Risk Management Implications:

Strategic Risk Description	Risk Management Discussion
Governance	This policy is a requirement under the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> and provides the framework through which Councillors can fulfil their conduct obligations (in terms of improper influence or direction), whilst maintaining

	the communication pathways that enable them to gain timely, accurate and appropriate information.
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Relevant legislation:

Local Government Act 2020

Community engagement:

N/A

Gender equality implications:

Gender impact assessments are required when the program, policy or service have a direct and significant impact on the community. This policy does not have a direct and significant impact on the Community as it relates to Councillor conduct in their interactions with staff.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest, including the type of interest.

Officer Responsible – Monica Revell, Acting Chief Executive Officer

In providing this advice as the Officer Responsible, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Author – Petra Croot, Acting Director Corporate and Community Services

In providing this advice as the Author, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Communications Strategy:

All Council policies are made available on Council’s website, in hardcopy on request and will be circulated to staff and Councillors via email and the Councillor SharePoint.

Next Steps:

The policy will be circulated as per the communications strategy. New staff included in the contact matrix will be advised of this change in process and given appropriate training relating to Councillor/Staff interaction.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopts the updated Councillor Interaction with Staff Policy.

MOVED: CRS D Nelson/R Ismay

That Council adopts the updated Councillor Interaction with Staff Policy.

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 9

9.2 DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

Responsible Officer: Acting Director Corporate and Community Services

Attachment Numbers: 10 – 11

Introduction:

Council is required to review the Domestic Animal Management Plan on an annual basis and report on the performance measures against the identified actions in the current plan.

Discussion:

Under Section 68A of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*, every Council in Victoria must prepare a Domestic Animal Management Plan every four years.

Council's Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025 (the Plan) was adopted by Council on 22 September 2021. The purpose of the Plan is to provide Hindmarsh Shire Council with a strategic framework that delivers policy direction and action plans for animal management over a four-year period.

Council is required to review the plan annually and publish a review on the performance measures against the actions under Section 68A(3) of the *Domestic Animal Act 1994*. The list of activities in the current Plan and achievement to date has been updated and provided as an attachment. Minor editorial changes have been made to the plan to update the number the statistics that are generated annually.

Link to Council Plan:

Strong governance practices

Financial Implications:

N/A

Risk Management Implications:

Strategic Risk Description	Risk Management Discussion
Community Needs	Updating the DAMP ensures that animals within Hindmarsh Shire Council are managed appropriately for the safety and amenity of our towns. Domestic animals add value to community life, and Council plays an important role, through the DAMP in protecting the welfare of animals and balancing the right to own pets with the safety, peace and good order of the community.
Governance	Reviewing the DAMP ensures that Council meets its legislative compliance requirement under the <i>Domestic Animals Act 1994</i> .

Relevant legislation:

Domestic Animals Act 1994

Gender equality implications:

A Gender Impact Assessment was completed on this review as per the *Gender Equality Act 2020*, with actions recommending the investigation of collecting data on gender as it relates to domestic animal management (registration/ownership, prosecutions, nuisance animals and dog attacks).

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest, including the type of interest.

Author and Officer Responsible – Petra Croot, Acting Director Corporate and Community Services

In providing this advice as the Author and Officer Responsible, I have no disclosable interests in this report at the time of writing.

Communications Strategy:

The reviewed plan will be provided to relevant staff, as well as submitted to Agriculture Victoria (Animal Welfare Victoria) for review. The amended Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025 will be published on Council's website, available for public access at Council offices and notice of its review and amendment will be published in Council's newsletter, e-news and on the Hindmarsh Shire Council Facebook page.

Next Steps:

The DAMP will continue to be implemented.

RECOMMENDATION:

That having reviewed the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025, receives the detailed outcomes achieved during 2022/23 and note the minor editorial changes.

MOVED: CRS R Gersch/D Nelson

That having reviewed the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025, receives the detailed outcomes achieved during 2022/23 and note the minor editorial changes.

CARRIED

Attachment Numbers: 10 – 11

9.3 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Responsible Officer: Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachment Number: 12

Introduction:

The Financial Report for the first quarter of the 2023/2024 financial year has been prepared, including explanations of variances where applicable, and is presented for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the Financial Report for the period ending 30 September 2023 as presented.

MOVED: CRS R Ismay/D Nelson

That Council notes the Financial Report for the period ending 30 September 2023 as presented.

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 12

10 COUNCIL COMMITTEES

10.1 ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Responsible Officer: Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachment Number: 13

Introduction:

The following Hindmarsh Shire Council Advisory Committee held a meeting on the following date:

- **Nhill Township Advisory Committee:**
Annual general meeting on 30 October 2023. *See attachment 13.*

The purpose of this report is to note the minutes from this meeting and endorse the Nhill Township Advisory Committees elected Office Bearers. A copy of the minutes is included as an attachment for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. ***notes the minutes of the Nhill Township Advisory Committee Annual General Meeting held on 30 October 2023;***
2. ***endorses the following office bearers for the Nhill Township Advisory Committee:***
 - ***Chairperson – Pauline McCracken***
 - ***Secretary – Ross Barker***
 - ***Vice Chairperson – Heather Dufty; and***
3. ***notes the following committee members for the Nhill Township Advisory Committee:***
 - ***Helen Woodhouse-Herrick***
 - ***Rhys Webb***
 - ***Soleil Arbola Dura***
 - ***Tina Balter***
 - ***Alison Dahlenburg***
 - ***Michael Hyde***

MOVED: CRS M Albrecht/R Gersch

That Council:

1. ***notes the minutes of the Nhill Township Advisory Committee Annual General Meeting held on 30 October 2023;***
2. ***endorses the following office bearers for the Nhill Township Advisory Committee:***
 - ***Chairperson – Pauline McCracken***

- **Secretary – Ross Barker**
 - **Vice Chairperson – Heather Dufty; and**
- 3. notes the following committee members for the Nhill Township Advisory Committee:**
- **Helen Woodhouse-Herrick**
 - **Rhys Webb**
 - **Soleil Arbola Dura**
 - **Tina Balter**
 - **Alison Dahlenburg**
 - **Michael Hyde**

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 13

10.2 COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEES

Responsible Officer: Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachment Numbers: 14 – 16

Introduction:

The following Hindmarsh Shire Council Community Asset Committee's held meetings on the following dates:

- **Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Community Asset Committee:**
General meeting on 19 September 2023 and Annual General Meeting on 17 October 2023. *See attachments 14 – 15.*
- **Yurunga Homestead Community Asset Committee:**
General meeting on 21 September 2023. *See attachment 16.*

The purpose of this report is to note the minutes from these meetings and endorse the temporary officer bearers for the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum. A copy of all the minutes are included as attachments for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. ***notes the minutes of the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Community Asset Committee meeting held on 19 September 2023 and Annual General Meeting held on 17 October 2023;***
2. ***endorses the following temporary office bearers for the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Community Asser Committee:***
 - ***Chairperson – Wendy Werner***
 - ***Secretary – Craig Proctor***
 - ***Treasurer – Maryanne Paech;***
3. ***notes the following as committee members for the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Community Asset Committee:***
 - ***Peter Pumpa***
 - ***Clem Paech***
 - ***Tige Mannington***
 - ***Peter Robson***
 - ***Rhys Wilkosz***
 - ***Brett Gebert***
 - ***Wendy Zanker***
 - ***Terry Wundersitz***
 - ***Don Pedder; and***
4. ***notes the minutes of the Yurunga Homestead Community Asset Committee meeting held on 21 September 2023.***

MOVED: CRS R Ismay/D Nelson

That Council:

1. **notes the minutes of the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Community Asset Committee meeting held on 19 September 2023 and Annual General Meeting held on 17 October 2023;**
2. **endorses the following temporary office bearers for the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Community Asset Committee:**
 - **Chairperson – Wendy Werner**
 - **Secretary – Craige Proctor**
 - **Treasurer – Maryanne Paech;**
3. **notes the following as committee members for the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Community Asset Committee:**
 - **Peter Pumpa**
 - **Clem Paech**
 - **Tige Mannington**
 - **Peter Robson**
 - **Rhys Wilkosz**
 - **Brett Gebert**
 - **Wendy Zanker**
 - **Terry Wundersitz**
 - **Don Pedder; and**
4. **notes the minutes of the Yurunga Homestead Community Asset Committee meeting held on 21 September 2023.**

CARRIED

Attachment Numbers: 14 – 16

11 LATE REPORTS

No late reports.

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

No notices of motions.

13 OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

14 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

In accordance with Section 66 (2) (a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council may close the meeting to the public to consider confidential information. Confidential information is defined by part IV of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*, and by Section 3 of the *Local Government Act 2020* as being:

- a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released;
- b) security information, being information that if released is likely to endanger the security of Council property or the safety of any person;
- c) land use planning information, being information that if prematurely released is likely to encourage speculation in land values;
- d) law enforcement information, being information which if released would be reasonably likely to prejudice the investigation into an alleged breach of the law or the fair trial or hearing of any person;
- e) legal privileged information, being information to which legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies;
- f) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs;
- g) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that—
 - i. relates to trade secrets; or
 - ii. if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage;
- h) confidential meeting information, being the records of meetings closed to the public under section 66(2)(a);
- i) internal arbitration information, being information specified in section 145;

- j) Councillor Conduct Panel confidential information, being information specified in section 169;
- k) information prescribed by the regulations to be confidential information for the purposes of this definition;
- l) information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the *Local Government Act 1989*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the meeting be closed in accordance with section 66 (2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2020, to consider reports that contain confidential information as defined by section (3) of the Local Government Act 2020, and/or Part IV of the Freedom of Information Act 1982:

14.1 CONTRACT AWARD 2023-2024-09 PLANT HIRE PANEL – this report contains “Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council’s position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released” insofar as it pertains to contractual matters.

MOVED: CRS R Gersch/M Albrecht

That the meeting be closed in accordance with section 66 (2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2020, to consider reports that contain confidential information as defined by section (3) of the Local Government Act 2020, and/or Part IV of the Freedom of Information Act 1982:

14.1 CONTRACT AWARD 2023-2024-09 PLANT HIRE PANEL – this report contains “Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council’s position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released” insofar as it pertains to contractual matters.

CARRIED

15 LATE CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

16 RESUMING INTO PUBLIC SESSION

17 MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business, Cr B Ireland declared the meeting closed at 3:41pm.

Mrs. Susan Menzel,

[REDACTED]
Outgoing President

Mrs Donna Krelle

[REDACTED]
Outgoing Secretary

3rd November 2023

Hindmarsh Shire Council,
Att: Petra Croot
Manager Governance and Human Services
Nelson Street,
Nhill, Vic. 3418

Dear Petra,

Please find attached the minutes of meeting for October 2023 of the Gerang Gerung Hall Committee.

After a lot of discussions and liaising, and after a lack of interest from the local community after not holding any functions or receiving only 2 bookings (and subsequent cancellations) since 2019, the committee have made the tough decision to hand back the management of the hall to the Hindmarsh Shire to either search for another committee or manage the hall themselves.

I enclose (or will forward) the cheque drawn of the balance of funds from the closed bank account of \$1,379.04 as well as the 3 hall keys that are in our possession.

It should also be noted that there was an aerial photograph in the supper room and a Landcare Group has re-located it to another facility – but it has left some exposed framework which we were unaware of prior to it being removed.

The hall is still fully equipped with trestle tables and newer round tables, and an abundance of chairs, crockery, cutlery, utensils and some appliances.

There are also numerous amounts of memorabilia – honour boards etc from both the district and the Gerang-Kiata Football club. It would be appreciated if anything is required to be done with the Gerang-Kiata Football club items that Yvonne Jones be contacted or [REDACTED] to arrange re-location if required.

It would also be hoped that if a new committee of management was unable to be formed that any of the chattels that are currently in the hall be used by other non for profit groups within our community.

Regards



Susan Menzel
President



Donna Krelle
Secretary

GERANG GERUNG HALL COMMITTEE

MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 16TH OCTOBER – GERANG GERUNG HALL

7PM

MEETING OPENED: 7.04PM

PRESENT: President- Suz Menzel; Secretary – Donna Krelle; Rosie Clark, Shirley Avery

APOLOGIES: Kaylene Schultz

Moved Rosie Clark 2nd Shirley Avery CARRIED

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Moved Donna Krelle 2nd Suz Menzel CARRIED

TREASURERS REPORT:

Balance of Bendigo Bank Cheque account \$1,379.04

Moved Donna Krelle 2nd Shirley Avery CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE- Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Hall Committee moving forward – it was discussed that due to the fewer number of families now located in the area and lack of obvious interest in hall functions as there have only been 2 enquiries and subsequent cancellations in the last 4 years. After lengthy discussions, taking into account the difficulty of resurrecting any community events after COVID and the aging of our committee, all members of the current committee expressed that they are not interested in continuing and verbally tendered their resignation, with remaining member Kaylene Schultz to be contacted with regard to her position. Donna Krelle moved a motion that the current assets including remaining contents of the hall, 2 sets of keys, hall committee funds and management be transferred to the Hindmarsh Shire Council. The Bendigo Bank Accounts to be closed and a bank cheque made payable to the Hindmarsh Shire. A letter to the shire indicating the above to be written within 28 days of the meeting.

Moved Donna Krelle 2nd Susan Menzel – All in Favour CARRIED

PRESIDENTS REPORT: President Susan Menzel thanked the committee for all their hard work over the many years of service and whilst sad with the winding up of the committee and hall commented that we have had many families come and go in the district over the years and it has been a pleasure to have been a part of it.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.55pm



POLICY

CORP024 Sports and Recreation Reserves Allocation, Use and Fair Access

1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to create a transparent, equitable and easily understood framework to manage and maximise the use of Council's current and future facilities and recreation reserves. This policy will provide the community with an insight into the framework that governs the provision of sports and recreation reserves to user groups.

The Fair Access provisions of this Policy seeks to address known barriers experienced by women and girls in accessing and using community sports infrastructure. This Policy aims to progressively build capacity and capabilities of Hindmarsh Shire Council in the identification and elimination of systemic causes of gender inequality in policy, programs, communications, and delivery of services in relation to community sports infrastructure.

2 Statement of Intent

This Statement of Intent establishes the expectation that gender equality is considered and prioritised in all current and future Hindmarsh Shire Council planning, policy, service delivery and practice as they relate to community sports infrastructure.

- Hindmarsh Shire Council recognises that gender equality is the attainment of equal rights, responsibilities, and opportunities of women, men, trans and gender diverse people. Equality does not mean that women, men, trans and gender diverse people will become the same but that their rights, responsibilities, and opportunities will not depend on their gender.
- Hindmarsh Shire Council recognises that gender equity is the provision of fairness and justice in the distribution of benefits and responsibilities based on gender. The concept recognises that people may have different needs and power related to their gender and these differences should be identified and addressed in a manner that rectifies gender related imbalances.

3 Scope

This policy applies to the formal and structured use of Council owned or managed recreation reserves including sportsgrounds, pavilions, and associated sporting facilities across the Hindmarsh Shire Council.

This policy does not apply at Council's passive recreation reserves, to informal or unstructured use by individual community members or to Council contract managed facilities such as leisure and aquatic facilities.

This policy will impact sporting clubs and facilities not owned or managed by Council, but who apply for sports infrastructure funding through Council.

4 Definitions

CEO means Chief Executive Officer

Council means Hindmarsh Shire Council

Council Officer means the Chief Executive Officer and staff of Council appointed by the Chief Executive Officer.

User Group All incorporated entities provided access to a recreation reserve through an agreement outlined in this policy.

5 Policy

Organised sport is well established within the Hindmarsh Shire Council and has long played a leading role in keeping the community active and providing opportunities for social connection. Recreation reserves support that role by providing a place for the community to gather, be active and connect.

5.1 Fair Access

This fair access section is designed to comply with the Gender Equality Act 2020 and support the Fair Access Policy Roadmap and wider Victorian Government Gender Equality Strategy.

Hindmarsh Shire Council acknowledges:

- the disadvantaged position some individuals have had in the sport and recreation sector because of their gender; and
- that achieving gender equality will require diverse approaches for women, men, trans and gender diverse people to achieve similar outcomes for people of all genders.

Hindmarsh Shire Council will:

- engage fairly and equitably with all staff, governance working groups, state sporting organisations, regional sport assemblies (where applicable) and members of our sport and recreation community, regardless of their gender, in a positive, respectful, and constructive manner; and

- engage in the process of gender impact assessments to assess the implications for women, men, trans and gender diverse people of any planned action, including policies and communications. This is a strategy for making all voices, concerns and experiences, an integral dimension of the design, implementation, monitoring of policies and programs.

5.1.1 Fair Access Principles

The Fair Access Principles have been developed by the Office for Women in Sport and Recreation, Sport and Recreation Victoria and VicHealth, in consultation with representatives from local government and the state sport and recreation sector. This Policy and any resultant action plan are based on six principles of inclusivity, full participation, equal representation, encouraging and supporting user groups, and prioritising user groups committed to equality.

1. Community sports infrastructure and environments are genuinely welcoming, safe, and inclusive
2. Women and girls can fully participate in all aspects of community sport and active recreation, including as a player, coach, administrator, official, volunteer and spectator
3. Women and girls will have equitable access to and use of community sport infrastructure:
 - a. of the highest quality available and most convenient
 - b. at the best and most popular competition and training times and locations
 - c. to support existing and new participation opportunities, and a variety of sports
4. Women and girls should be equitably represented in leadership and governance roles
5. Encourage and support all user groups who access and use community sport infrastructure to understand, adopt and implement gender equitable access and use practices
6. Prioritise access, use and support to all user groups who demonstrate an ongoing commitment to gender equitable access and use of allocated community sport infrastructure

5.1.2 Compliance and Monitoring - Actions

Hindmarsh Shire Council commits to undertake a GIA on all current community sports infrastructure access and use policies and processes, and to consider opportunities to strengthen gender equitable access and use of community sports facilities in alignment with the Fair Access Principles.

If the process of assessing current policies and processes identifies opportunities to develop or strengthen gender equitable access and use of community sports facilities in alignment with the Fair Access Principles, Hindmarsh Shire Council commits to developing and adopting a locally relevant gender equitable access and use action plan no later than 1 October 2024.

Council acknowledges that the requirement to have a gender equitable access and use policy and action plan (or equivalent) in place, and the ability to demonstrate progress against that policy and action plan (or equivalent), will form part of the eligibility criteria for Victorian Government funding programs relating to community sports infrastructure from 1 July 2024.

5.1.3 Responsibility

Management personnel, staff, volunteers, and user groups of Hindmarsh Shire Council have a shared responsibility to support the realisation of fair access, as outlined below:

- To promote a gender-aware and gender-responsive culture and community and championing the fair access principles;
- To promote, encourage and facilitate the achievement of gender equality and improvement in the status of women and girls in sport and active recreation.
- Lead the review of sport and recreation policies and process
- Develop and adopt gender equitable access and use policies
- To communicate policy updates
- To monitor compliance and issues
- To promote, encourage and facilitate the achievement of gender equality and improvement in the status of women and girls
- Support the undertaking of Gender Impact Assessment and submission of progress reports as per the *Gender Equality Act 2020* obligations.
- Support the review of sport and recreation policies and processes
- Support the formal adoption process of a new or revised gender equitable policies
- Undertake Gender Impact Assessment and submission of progress reports as per the *Gender Equality Act 2020* obligations
- To communicate and educate sport and recreation infrastructure user groups and users
- To adhere to and communicate the policy when required
- To attend training / awareness programs.

5.2 Allocation

It must be recognised that there are changing trends in the way the community is choosing to be active and to connect outside of organised sport. As Council looks to maximise the use of recreation reserves, there is a requirement for different types of agreements, as outlined in this policy, to ensure opportunities can be provided for all categories of user groups.

Any agreement provided to a user group for formal and structured use of an active recreation reserve is intended to:

- Provide inclusive opportunities for the whole community regardless of age, interest, gender, abilities, culture or background.
- Acknowledge and support the leadership role that sporting clubs play in providing opportunities to connect, participate and belong.
- Support local access to local facilities to increase the health and wellbeing of our community.

The user group will also need to demonstrate female representation on leadership and/or management Committees (where relevant).

The following agreement types outline the ways in which access is provided to active recreation reserves for user groups.

5.3 User Agreements

User Agreements can be entered into for various periods, including established sports seasons (see clause 4.1.1.).

5.3.1 Seasonal User Agreements

Seasonal Tenancy Agreements are required for winter and summer sporting periods of use. Each allocation provides non-exclusive use of Council sportsgrounds and pavilions, unless otherwise provided for in the Seasonal User Agreement. Each tenancy period is:

- Winter Season: 1 April – 30 September
- Summer Season: 1 October – 31 March

Each allocation is provided for regular season training and matches. A user group's allocation may be specific to times and days of the week across their season.

All use of recreation reserves under this agreement is governed by the expectations outlined within the Seasonal User Agreement.

5.3.2 Eligibility

A Seasonal User Agreement may be provided where the proposed user group:

- Demonstrates significant need that benefits Council, community and local residents.
- Is an Incorporated Association with the relevant public liability insurance, renewed on an annual basis;
- Is registered with and have a team or teams competing within a sporting association which is officially recognised by the relevant State Sporting Association. Registration must be consistent with the year in which the application is submitted.
- Applies for an active recreation reserve that is suitable for its intended use.
- Does not have any outstanding financial debt to Council or no agreed payment plan in place.

5.3.3 Historical Allocations

In the first instance, existing recreation reserve use will be allocated to user groups that held an allocation in the preceding season and have complied with this policy and the Seasonal User Agreement.

In the instance where an existing group at a shared facility wishes to be considered for additional use that impacts other user groups, then each will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Priority may be given to the user group with the longest historical allocation if the additional use provides opportunities that are not available elsewhere in that local area or support underrepresented groups across the Hindmarsh Shire Council.

An existing group will not be displaced where an alternative recreation reserve with equivalent access to facilities cannot be provided across the municipality.

5.3.4 New Allocations

New user groups wishing to utilise a recreation reserve must submit a Recreation Reserve User Agreement Expression of Interest Form to be considered for Seasonal User Agreement Allocations. Council will work with the State Sporting Association (SSA) or other relevant body to confirm any new user groups are registered with the relevant SSA.

Expressions of Interests that provide opportunities that are not currently available within Hindmarsh Shire Council will be considered more favorably than those where the existing need is met.

5.3.5 Subletting and Use Outside of Allocated Hours

User groups shall not sublet or allow any other person or group to occupy or use the sportsground or facility without written approval from Council prior to the date of use, or unless such an arrangement is written into the User Agreement. In such circumstances, the user group shall be responsible for ensuring risk management and public liability documentation is provided by the third-party user, the facility is cleaned and free of damage after use and any other requirements specified in the particular User Agreement.

Council is responsible for any use of sporting grounds recreation reserves outside of the allocated hours of the user groups.

5.3.6 Content of User Agreements

At a minimum, User Agreements shall contain the following provisions;

- Parties bound;
- Terms of use;
 - Clear identification of excluded and included facilities at the recreation reserve or sporting ground;
 - Period of use;
 - Limitations and restrictions;
- Insurance requirements;
- Risk management requirements;
- Bond requirements;
- Third party compliance requirements and the retention and availability of evidentiary and supporting documents (i.e. AFL grounds management requirements for Australian Rules football clubs);
- Allocation of responsibilities, including but not limited to;
 - Maintenance
 - Inspections
 - Compliance
 - Capital improvements
 - Amenities fees (water, electricity, gas usage)
- Relationship with other users of the premises;
- Subletting/hiring arrangements with third parties;
- Site inspections;
- Communication between parties bound;
- Dispute resolution;

- Vacation of premises;
- Termination; and
- Review of Agreement.

Council shall meet with representatives from existing and prospective user groups to discuss the terms of the agreement and conduct a walkthrough of the reserve and facilities prior to any new, revised or reviewed agreement being finalised.

5.4 Casual Bookings

Casual bookings provide 'one off' and temporary access to a recreation reserve for a variety of uses. Council acknowledges that there is a growing need for access to be provided for user groups outside of structured competitions and other activities that are eligible for a Seasonal User Agreement.

Casual bookings will only be considered where it does not impact the use of a user group that holds a Seasonal User Agreement or adversely affect the quality and longevity of the active recreation reserve. Casual bookings at leased or licensed active recreation reserves are managed directly by those user groups in line with their specific agreements.

5.4.1 Activities Requiring a Casual Booking

Casual Bookings will be required for activities including, but not limited to:

- School use
- Seasonal user group usages outside of regular season training and matches including:
 - Special Events
 - Pre-season training (if not included in user agreement period of use)
 - Practice Matches (if not included in user agreement period of use)
 - Finals Matches (if not included in user agreement period of use)
- Structured sporting and recreational activities that are not covered or eligible for a Seasonal User Agreement
- Commercial use
- Sporting events

Casual bookings are not required for informal and unstructured use by individual community members at a recreation reserve. Any limitation on use shall be advertised at the site.

5.4.2 Eligibility for a Casual Booking

To be eligible for a Casual booking an applicant must:

- Have public liability insurance with a minimum value of \$20 million.
- Not have any outstanding financial debt to Council.
- Provide a registered business name and ABN if a commercial entity.
- Agree to comply with directions and Conditions of Use as outlined in casual hire agreements as updated from time to time.
- Provide other documents or seek additional approvals or permits as requested by Council.

5.4.3 High Demand Events

Council manages several facilities which have a high demand for casual bookings. In those instances, a time structured booking process will be followed with priority given in order of:

- Events and activities conducted by Council.
- Seasonally allocated user groups within the Hindmarsh Shire Council.
- Schools or sports associations based within the Hindmarsh Shire Council.
- Not for profit user groups within the Hindmarsh Shire Council.
- User groups, schools or sports associations located outside of the Hindmarsh Shire Council.
- Private organisations.
- Commercial use.

The registered address as listed on incorporation certificate, public liability insurance or ABN certificate will be used to determine where a user group is located.

5.4.4 Finals Matches

Where a user may be hosting a finals match that may attract significant spectators, traffic and increased consumption of alcohol, the user group should notify Council at least 30 days' prior. In such cases, Council reserves the right to request additional emergency management, traffic management, risk and safety measures be undertaken by the user group to prevent incident, injury, or damage to the facility commensurate to the number of attendees.

5.4.5 Intended Use

A Casual Booking application will only be considered where the intended use is in line with the sport or activity that the recreation reserve supports.

Many of Councils recreation reserves are used for different sports on a seasonal basis and applications for specific sports will only be considered when the recreation reserve is set up for that specific sport.

5.5 Capacity

The use of a sporting ground or recreation reserve enabled under any agreement outlined in this policy may need to be reduced or limited to protect, maintain or renew playing surfaces and/or facilities as determined by Council. This may affect scheduled training sessions and /or scheduled games and matches on occasion.

6 Liquor Licencing

Any user group wishing to obtain a liquor license for a Council-owned premises must have written consent from Council to do so, unless there are provisions within the User Agreement that provide for a liquor licence. Any breach of the liquor license or related obligations may result in termination of the User Agreement.

The user group must provide Council up-to-date copies of all liquor licence documentation.

7 Breaches

Where a user group has been provided with access to an active recreation reserve through any agreement outlined in this policy and have breached the respective conditions, they will be subject to the following performance management process:

- Council Officers will investigate and assess the claimed breach.
- The user group will be notified in writing of the assessed breach and given the opportunity to respond in writing within 7 days.
- Once the user group's response has been received or the 7-day period has expired, the user group will be notified of the penalty to be applied, if any, in writing within 7 days.
- Any penalty will be determined by Chief Executive Officer following consultation with Council Officers. Penalties may include:
 - Mandatory training for committees and/or members.
 - Recovery of costs for damage, incident or injury.
 - Reporting to law enforcement authorities where there has been identified or alleged illegal activity.
 - Submitting a bond to be held for a period of time.
 - Being reported to respective local, state or national governing body, e.g. Sport and Recreation, SSA, Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Reform.
 - Being ineligible for funding opportunities through Council for a period time.
 - Additional reporting requirements to Council with set timeframes imposed.
 - Review/and or termination of current agreement with Council.
 - Exclusion from future agreements with Council.

8 References

Related documents	Legislation
Recreation Reserve User Agreement Expression of Interest Form Fair Access Policy Roadmap	<i>Gender Equality Act 2020</i> <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2015</i> <i>Disability Discrimination Act 1992</i> <i>Liquor Control Reforms Act 1998</i>

9 Document Control

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Hindmarsh Shire Council

Community Action Plan 2024-2028

Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill & Rainbow

DRAFT - December 2023



**Acknowledgement of
Indigenous Community:**

Hindmarsh Shire Council
acknowledges the Wotjobaluk,
Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia
and Jupagalk Nations as
Traditional Owners of Country.

We recognise the important
ongoing role that Indigenous
people have in our community
and pay our respects to their
Elders, past and present.

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OVERVIEW & SUMMARY

Overview

The Hindmarsh Shire 2024 - 2028 Community Action Plan is a plan developed through a consultation process between Hindmarsh Shire Council and the communities of Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow during March and April 2023.

The aim of the community consultation process is to provide local communities with a forum for local initiatives and aspirations to be raised, discussed, and prioritised.

Prioritised initiatives then provide direction to Council for inclusion in Council Plans, Annual Budgets, and long-term Financial Plans enabling opportunities to seek alternative or additional funding to undertake projects as appropriate funding becomes available.

The Hindmarsh Shire 2024 - 2028 Community Action Plan is not a static document and will be reviewed on an annual basis and will evolve over the five-year period of the plan.

A collaborative effort by a range of stakeholders including individuals, community groups and organisations, Council, State and Federal Governments will be required for the plan to be successful and prioritised initiatives to be implemented.

The Hindmarsh Shire 2024 - 2028 Community Action Plan will align with other strategic Council documents including:

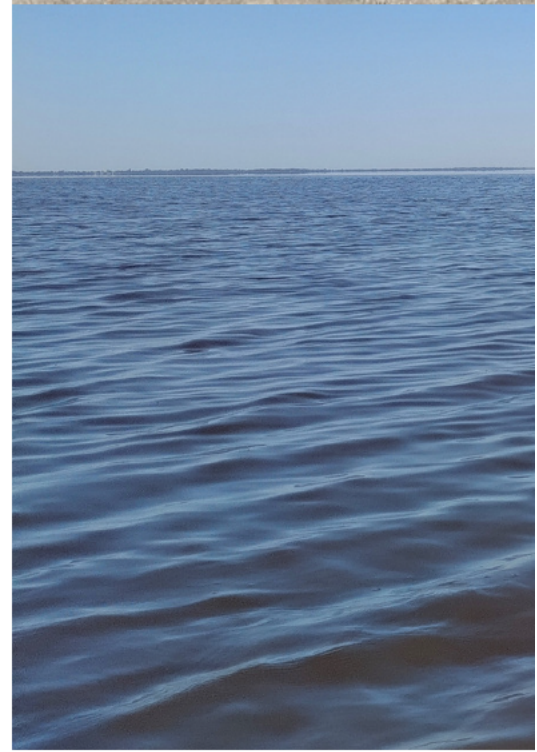
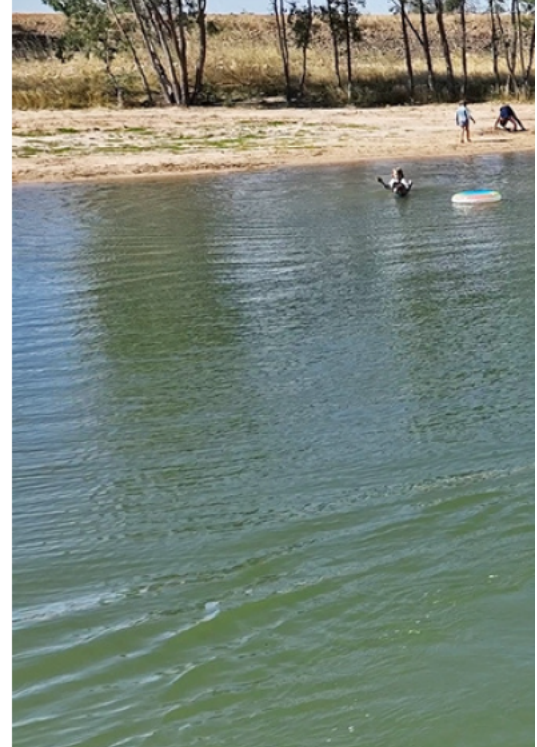
- Hindmarsh Shire Council 2021 - 2025 Council Plan
- Hindmarsh Shire Council 2024 - 2028 Economic Development Strategy
- Hindmarsh Shire 2024 - 2030 Sport and Recreation Strategic Plan (to be developed)

Summary

There have been many successful initiatives undertaken throughout the Shire that have been identified by the community through community planning processes. The timing of the implementation of the initiatives is dependent upon several factors including the size and complexity of the project and the availability of funding.

The following are examples of some of the initiatives undertaken following their identification and prioritisation through community consultation and planning processes.

- Establishment of a Community Hub in Rainbow (The Oasis) located at the former Rainbow Primary School.
- Establishment of a recreational lake in Rainbow (Rainbow Lake) at a former GWM Water reservoir.
- Redevelopment of the Rainbow Caravan Park.
- Establishment of an event to attract people to Rainbow (Rainbow Desert Enduro and Big Sky Festival).
- Increased and improved visitor experiences around Jeparit, e.g., Wimmera River/ Lake Hindmarsh, Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum and Menzies Square etc.
- Additional visitor accommodation options resulting in new cabins at the Jeparit Caravan Park.
- Improved facilities and aesthetics at the Jeparit Caravan Park and swimming hole, e.g., camp kitchen, new amenities building, retaining wall and deck and landscaping.
- Increased and up to date tourism, visitor information, promotional materials, signage etc to promote increased visitation.
- Improved facilities to the Broadway precinct through works to provide sound dampening and more components to the Jeparit Skate Park.









COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The process used for developing the Hindmarsh Shire 2024 - 2028 Community Action Plan consisted of the following steps.

1

A review of the following documents.

- 2016 Dimboola Community Precinct Plan
- 2016 Nhill Community Precinct Plan
- 2016 - 2019 Jeparit Community Plan
- 2016 - 2019 Rainbow Community Plan

2

Community consultations were held as per the following dates to provide opportunities for individual residents to raise initiatives and aspirations for group discussions and prioritisation.

- Dimboola - 27 March 2023
- Rainbow - 28 March 2023
- Jeparit - 3 April 2023
- Nhill - 4 April 2023

Rainbow Town Committee in conjunction with the Rainbow Progress Association also conducted their own community-based survey to enable residents of Rainbow that could not attend community consultations to have their own say.

Responses from participants are included in this Community Action Plan.

3

Analysing data collected through the consultation process.

4

Writing the draft plan.

5

Release the draft plan for public review and comment.

6

Develop the final plan.

7

Present final plan to Hindmarsh Shire Council for endorsement.





SNAPSHOT OF HINDMARSH SHIRE

Hindmarsh Shire covers a geographical area of 7,500km² and has a dispersed residential population of 5,691 (2021 Census data).

The four main towns in the shire (Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill, and Rainbow) are attractive and have excellent hospitals, sporting facilities and schools.

The shire sits in Wotjobaluk country and has a long and significant history with the traditional owners of Country and their cultures with many significant sites situated around the shire.

The Western Highway passes through the shire, which provides a strategic advantage that supports the shire's largest economy, agriculture (primary and secondary), health services, manufacturing, and retail. The shire, like other areas across Victoria and Australia has suffered drought, floods, and fires in recent years and in these times of crisis, residents and communities across the shire have worked together to provide support and positive actions to overcome the heartache, inconvenience, and associated damage.

Whilst the SEIFA Index of Relative Socio-Economic Advantage and Disadvantage, rates Hindmarsh Shire in the top 10% most disadvantaged LGA's in Victoria (ranked 8 out of 80) and in the top 27% most disadvantaged in Australia, residents and communities of the shire can be comforted in the knowledge that they are resilient, innovative, have a strong work ethic and provide volunteer support that is well above the Victorian average.

It is of vital importance that Council provides opportunities to its residents and communities to raise issues, suggestions and actions that will help to improve the level of infrastructure, services, sustainability and well-being of all businesses, community organisations and residents.



COMMUNITY INPUT

Community Planning consultation sessions were held with local community representatives and residents in Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill, and Rainbow which were attended by around 60 community members plus Council representatives.

At each consultation session, working groups were formed to identify different initiatives or issues of concern in their respective towns and more broadly across the shire.

The initial working group process was to identify and list all ideas and issues irrespective of their feasibility for either potential short term / quick wins (1-2 years) or long term / big ticket (4 years plus) implementation.

This process identified a large and diverse range of initiatives some of which will be capable of being delivered by Council as part of its capital works program, subject to budget or external funding opportunities.

In other instances, Council will provide advocacy or facilitation support to community groups if the identified initiative falls within their control.

The following is a list of all ideas identified at the consultation sessions.



DIMBOOLA

LONG TERM / BIG TICKET INITIATIVES

Group 1:

- Reduction of speed limit along Lloyd Street through CBD or inclusion of a speed hump / raised road section at pedestrian crossing points.
- Establishment of a wellness centre in the former CFA building to improve mental health, physical wellbeing, community bonding (meditation, Yoga, Pilates, Gym etc).
- Establishment of a two-story modern building with rooftop gardens, viewing deck etc with views towards the river and township.
- Installation of CCTV to increase street security and safety.

Group 2:

- Establishment of an Indigenous Keeping Place.
- Establishment of a Neighbourhood House.
- Increased lighting on walking tracks.

Group 3:

- Increased maintenance at Dimboola Swimming Pool including use of the solar blanket and all-abilities changerooms.
- Development of masterplan for Dimboola Football clubrooms / changerooms and Dimboola Recreation Reserve.
- Increased Council staff to maintain parks and gardens.
- Development of official Visitor Information Centre.
- Continued updating of Visit Hindmarsh website.

SHORT TERM / QUICK WIN INITIATIVES

Group 1:

- Construction of concrete footpaths throughout Dimboola – at least one on every street.
- Construction of public toilets at Tower Park.
- Establishment of an Indigenous Keeping Place in the former CFA building.
- Installation of community notice boards.
- Installation of rubbish bins at tourism destinations.
- Increased shelter at the bus stop – or relocate the bus stop.
- Council to approach shop owners to smarten up shop fronts.
- Establish larger residential blocks for purchase.
- Establish a backpackers accommodation building at the RHP.

Group 2:

- Install an ice machine at RHP.
- Establish a shelter at the former pony club site and install a plaque in recognition of it.
- Establish a dog off leash park.
- Reduce speed limit through Lloyd Street CBD.
- Establish a community garden.
- Install a street piano / encourage buskers or street entertainment.
- Increase street beautification by installing tubs / pots / flowers / plants etc.
- Creation of more street art.
- Art exhibitions in Library / Old Shire Hall.
- Increased tree planting and watering.
- Beautification of High Street entrance into Dimboola.
- Installation of a screen at the bus shelter.
- Green waste bins
- Fix or replace the lights on Wimmera Street bridge.
- Top-dress walking tracks with quarry dust.
- All-ability parking in front of Wimmera Bakery in Lloyd Street does not have all-ability access to the footpath.

Group 3:

- Council support for the Men's Shed through promotion etc.
- Streetscape beautification, trees and plants etc.
- Lighting of trees in Lloyd Street.
- Install re-charge stations for phones, i-pads etc in dining pods.
- Establishment of an Urban Landcare Group.



LONG TERM / BIG TICKET INITIATIVES

Group 1:

- Replacement of Jeparit Weir.
- Re-use the old Council mechanics workshop for other purposes – e.g., start-up businesses etc.
- Charles Street – trucks (Assume to detour trucks away from Charles Street)
- Improve walking tracks route.
- Construction of more footpaths throughout Jeparit.
- Keep the Jeparit swimming pool open.
- Install a swimming pontoon at the Jeparit Swimming Hole.
- Construction of a new shed that is lined internally and used for supermarket, café, newsagents, and post office.
- Improve visual aesthetics of entry into Jeparit by mowing grass, removing old cars and furniture etc.
- Increase / retain, childcare / kindergarten and after school care.
- Redevelop the Tennis Club / courts as part of redevelopment of the Jeparit Caravan Park.

Group 2:

- Construction of new tennis courts.
- Construct new netball change rooms.
- Beautify Jeparit streetscapes.
- Construct toilets at the skate park in Broadway.
- Increase the level of street art around Jeparit.
- Establish a visitor centre in Roy Street.
- Maintain water levels in Lake Hindmarsh.

Group 3:

- Redevelop the Tennis Club / courts as part of redevelopment of the Jeparit Caravan Park.
- Establish and implement a streetscape plan for Roy Street.
- Improve tourism signage – natural and heritage-based assets.
- Replace synthetic surface at the Jeparit Bowling Club and increase shade areas.
- Promotion of healthy living for community and social well-being.
- Construction of toilets at the skate park.

SHORT TERM / QUICK WIN INITIATIVES

Group 1:

- Installation of street furniture
- Shade sail over playground in the recreation reserve.
- Signage at the RV Dump Point to advertise local attractions e.g., WMPM and other improvements - landscaping, filling in of potholes etc.
- Improved streetscapes – bin wraps, metal art etc.
- Re-painting of parking bays.
- Enforce removal of un-registered and dumped cars from streets and houses etc.
- Another power pole at the caravan park?

Group 2:

- Bike pump / BMX track – rec reserve / tennis courts.
- Improve the walking track from WMPM to the Swimming Hole as part of the WRDT.
- Swimming pontoon at new deck at Swimming Hole.
- Toilet at the skate park.
- Landscape the Jeparit Swimming Hole area with local native trees, flowering plants and shrubs and art sculptures.
- Establish musical and arts festivals.
- Collaborative community arts projects (mosaic birds) / community garden.

Group 3:

- Construction of a swimming pontoon at the swimming hole.
- Landscape and improve RV Dump Point.
- Install solar heating and improve shade at the swimming pool.
- Re-open the Men's Shed.



LONG TERM / BIG TICKET INITIATIVES

Group 1:

- Continued redevelopment of Davis Park.
- Continued redevelopment of Nhill Lake.
- Continued redevelopment of the Nhill Caravan Park.
- Continued redevelopment of Victoria Street, Nhill.

Group 2:

- Establish commercial industries at Nhill Aerodrome.
- Establish a dog off leash park in Nhill.
- Establish a bike track (Aerodrome / Nhill Lake).
- Establish a BMX / Pump Track between Nhill College and the tennis courts.
- Encourage community driven expansion of the NAHC.
- Continued redevelopment of Davis Park.
- Continued redevelopment of the Nhill Caravan Park.

SHORT TERM / QUICK WIN INITIATIVES

Group 1:

- Continue redevelopment of Davis Park to include a community hub.
- Establish a Cane Ball / Volleyball court at Davis Park or elsewhere.
- Develop vacant land next to the Police Station as a hospital car park.
- Establish freight routes throughout the shire.
- Retain water in Nhill Lake all year round.
- Re-establish the Friday Fiestas.
- Refurbish the bird hide on the boardwalk in the Nhill Swamp.

Group 2:

- Establish a dog off leash park in Nhill.
- Improve tourism signage around Nhill and the shire.
- Review location of community noticeboard in Goldsworthy Park.
- Establish incentives to retain / attract businesses, e.g., Luv-a-Duck.
- Establish a marketing strategy to brand the town of 'Nhill'.
- Re-establish the Business Nhill organisation.
- Increase / improve Motel accommodation options in Nhill.



RAINBOW

LONG TERM / BIG TICKET INITIATIVES

Group 1:

- Increased rental accommodation options for visiting professionals, contractors and labourers .
- Improved footpaths and drainage in Winifred Street.
- Establishment of an industrial estate.
- Sub-division for residential development including larger lifestyle blocks.

Group 2:

- Truck parking facilities with shower and toilets (railway yard).
- Walking track to Rainbow Lake including under road pedestrian / bike crossing.

Group 3:

- Provide truck and caravan parking close to town (eg railway yards) with toilets and showers etc.
- Recreational bike facilities including bunk house type accommodation.
- Establish Rainbow as an off-grid town – solar, wind etc.
- Combined kindergarten, childcare and intergenerational centre.

Group 4:

- Under road pedestrian / bike crossing as part of the walking track to Rainbow Lake.
- Establishment of a 'Desert Eco Lodge and Desert Eco Tours'.
- Continued support for Big Sky Festival.
- Facilitate / advocate steam train groups tours to Rainbow from Dimboola.
- Establishment of community transport options to assist elderly / disabled with appointments etc.

Group 5:

- Increased maintenance for the MECCA.
- Redevelop entrance to the Recreation Reserve.
- Construct new football change rooms.
- Visitors parking at Llew Schilling silo.
- Establish heavy vehicle by-pass.
- Improvements to amenities at Lake Albacutya.
- Establishment of a tourism trail – Pella / Albacutya Silo.
- Promote Rainbow as a 'work from home' destination.
- Continued advocacy for funding for better roads.

SHORT TERM / QUICK WIN INITIATIVES

Group 1:

- Walking / bike path to Rainbow Lake.
- Training for community leaders.
- Improved access to 'The Oasis' and installation of an all-abilities toilet.
- Subsidised community pensioner firewood program.
- Subsidised roof / gutter cleaning service (voucher system).
- Increased promotion of Rainbow to attract visitors.

Group 2:

- Improved caravan visitor parking.
- Establishment of a pump track at the Recreation Reserve.
- Improved amenities and facilities at Western Beach / Lake Albacutya.
- Incentives to beautify local empty shop fronts.
- Redevelop old Council offices into all-ability toilet and baby change place.
- Repair door into ladies' public toilet at the MECCA to stop it 'banging'.
- Maintain nature strip trees to keep them alive.

Group 3:

- Reduce speed limit to 40kph / 50kph in Taverner Street.
- Improvements to Rainbow Rises Road by sealing entries into GrainCorp and Rainbow Rises Events Centre.
- Improve drainage infrastructure in Bow Street at the railway crossing.

Group 4:

- Improvements to the Rainbow Swimming Pool including increased maintenance and improved accessibility.
- Improve parking bays in Federal Street including provision of all-ability car parks.
- Improve signage for the Rainbow Caravan Park.
- Increased levels of gutter and culvert cleaning.

Group 5:

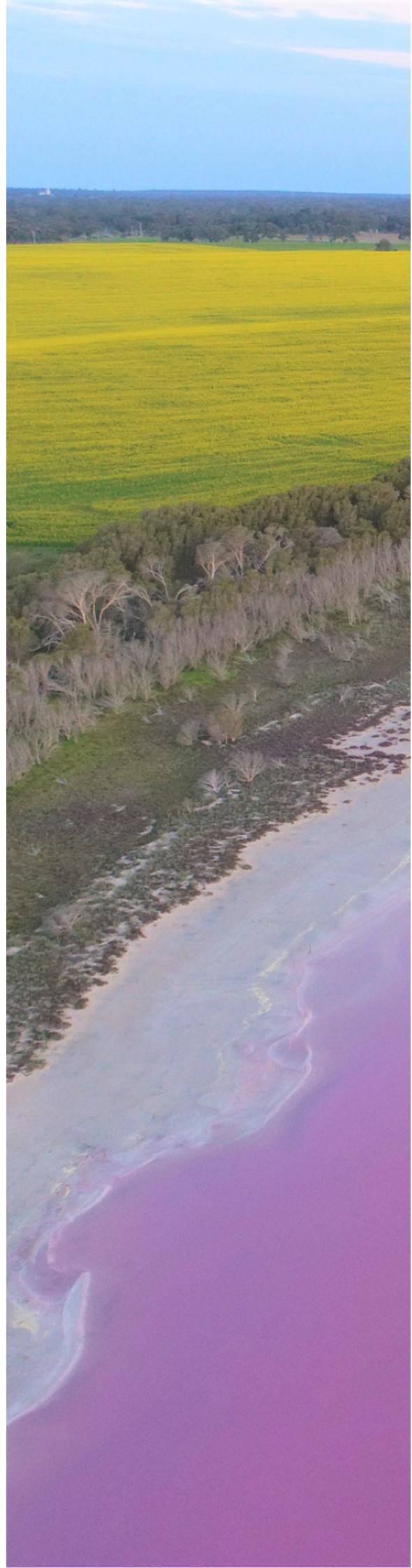
- Establish an information centre in the old Council offices.
- Establish farm stays, farm tours and harvest tours etc.
- Increase level of information to the community about the Llew Schilling silo development.
- Increased kerbing, gutter and sealed road infrastructure in Rainbow.

In addition to the community consultations that provided the above information, the Rainbow Town Committee conducted their own survey aimed at obtaining responses from residents who were unable to attend the community consultation sessions.

The following is a summary of the responses received from the residents of Rainbow who contributed to the survey.

1. Most respondents have positive views about living in Rainbow.
2. Most respondents want to see the town's infrastructure improved and economic development occur.
3. Some referred to the relative isolation of Rainbow, in terms of distance from a major regional centre, as a positive and said that this underlines the need for the town continue to grow.
4. Younger respondents see these issues as priorities:
 - a. Walking and cycling access around the town and out to the Rainbow Lake
 - b. Improved healthcare and childcare services
 - c. New Football Changerooms
 - d. Improved roads in the district
 - e. Land for housing, residential and rural residential, and for businesses
 - f. More events such as the Big Sky Festival that benefit residents and attract tourists.
5. The elders who responded provided detailed views on what the town needs. Their focus was on improvements in Federal Street, including The Mecca, and on welcoming new residents, and tourists. They also supported the need for housing and land for businesses.

The Dimboola Town Committee, Dimboola Football Netball Club, and Dimboola Rowing Club have previously advocated to Council to seek funding for the establishment of an extensive, broad-based master plan for the Dimboola Recreation Reserve. Whilst the redevelopment of facilities within the Dimboola Recreation Reserve was identified in the above list for Dimboola, the establishment of a master plan is widely considered as a priority for the broader community.







PRIORITY PROJECTS AND ACTION PLANS

Following this initial process each working group was then asked to short list and prioritise ideas and issues taking various aspects into consideration. For this process, a matrix utilising the following descriptions was utilised.

- Initiatives that have strong and long-term impact but require more effort to achieve.
- Initiatives that have immediate impact and make a difference but are easy to implement.
- Initiatives that have little value and are difficult to implement and are resource intensive.
- Initiatives that have little impact or value but are easy to implement.

Key

Short	<2 years
Medium	<5 years
Long	>5 years
TBA	To be assessed

The timeframe listed in the table indicates how long the project may take to deliver once it has been identified for implementation.

High-impact initiatives will be considered in the development of Council's annual budget and Council Plan (and annual Action Plans) and will drive funding applications as grant opportunities arise.

Actions that are identified as **immediate** will be considered at the earliest possible opportunity, where resources allow and in line with a priority assessment against other projects and initiatives.

Council will publish a progress report on the Action Plan annually.



PRIORITISED STRONG LONG TERM / HIGH IMPACT INITIATIVES

Location	Initiative	Responsible (Council/Community/Other)	Council Role	Time Frame	Cost Est.
Dimboola	Establishment of a wellness centre in the former CFA building to assist with community wellbeing, mental health and exercise.	Other	Support	TBA	TBA
	Establishment of a two-story building with roof top access for bar, viewing, etc.	Community	Support	TBA	TBA
	Establishment of a community garden.	Community	Support	TBA	TBA
	Establishment of a Neighborhood House.	Community	Support	TBA	TBA
	Complete lighting on walking tracks and replace the lights on the Wimmera Street bridge.	Council	Deliver	Short	\$50,000
	Establish an Indigenous Keeping Place.	Other	Advocate/Facilitate	TBA	TBA
	Establishment of at least one concrete footpath in every street in Dimboola.	Council	Deliver	Long	\$500,000
	Establishment of a master plan for the Dimboola Recreation Reserve.	Council	Deliver	Short	\$100,000
	Establishment of an accredited Visitor Information Centre (potentially in conjunction with the Indigenous Keeping Place).	Council	Deliver	Long	\$200,000
	Establishment of backpacker accommodation.	Other	Support	TBA	TBA
	Development of residential housing land.	Other	Advocate/Support	Medium	TBA
	Replacement of the Jeparit Weir.	Council	Advocate/Deliver	Medium	\$3.5M
Jeparit	Charles Street - trucks (Assume to detour trucks away from Charles Street)	Council	Advocate/Support	Medium	TBA
	Improve walking tracks route with all-weather surface - suitable for bikes.	Council	Deliver	Short	\$200,000
	Construction of more footpaths throughout Jeparit.	Council	Deliver	Long	\$300,000
	Keep the Jeparit swimming pool open for longer hours and install solar heating and additional shade.	Council	Deliver	Medium	\$60,000

PRIORITISED STRONG LONG TERM / HIGH IMPACT INITIATIVES

Location	Initiative	Responsible (Council/Community/Other)	Council Role	Time Frame	Cost Est.
Jeparit	Redevelop the Tennis Club / courts as part of redevelopment of the Jeparit Caravan Park.	Council	Deliver	Medium	\$1M
	Improve visual aesthetics of entry into Jeparit by mowing grass, removing old cars and furniture etc.	Council	Deliver	Short	\$100,000
	Construct a bike pump / BMX track at the rec reserve or tennis courts.	Council	Deliver	Long	TBA
	Improved streetscape aesthetics throughout Jeparit.	Council/Community	Deliver/Support	Short	TBA
	Relocate the skate park to the Recreation Reserve or the Swimming Hole precinct and include a multi-use concrete hard stand for other activities.	Council	Deliver	Long	\$60,000
	Establish a streetscape masterplan.	Council	Deliver	Short	\$50,000
Nhill	Continued staged redevelopment of Davis Park infrastructure and facilities.	Council	Deliver/Advocate	Long	\$5M+
	Continued redevelopment of Nhill Lake.	Community	Advocate/Support	Medium	TBA
	Develop vacant land next to the Police Station as a hospital car park.	Community/Other	Advocate/Support	Medium	TBA
Rainbow	Establishment of a 'Desert Eco Lodge and Desert Eco Tours'.	Community/Other	Support	Long	TBA
	Establishment of community transport options to assist elderly / disabled with appointments etc.	Community/Other	Support	Short	TBA
	Advocate to reduce speed limit to 40kph / 50kph in Taverner Street.	Council/Community	Advocate/Support	Short	TBA
	Truck parking facilities with shower and toilets (e.g. railway yard).	Community/Other	Advocate/Support	Medium	TBA
	Construction of new football change rooms.	Council/Community	Deliver	Short	\$1.5M
	Establish heavy vehicle by-pass.	Council/Other	Advocate/Support	Long	TBA
	Increased maintenance for the MECCA - including toilet upgrades.	Council	Deliver	Short	\$100,000
	Establishment of an industrial estate.	Council/Other	Deliver/Support	Long	TBA

PRIORITISED STRONG LONG TERM / HIGH IMPACT INITIATIVES

Location	Initiative	Responsible (Council/Community/Other)	Council Role	Time Frame	Cost Est.
Rainbow	Increased kerbing, gutter and sealed road infrastructure in Rainbow, including Winifred Street.	Council	Deliver	Medium/Ongoing	TBA
	Improvements to the Rainbow Swimming Pool including increased maintenance and improved accessibility.	Council	Deliver	Short/Ongoing	TBA
	Establish Rainbow as an off-grid town – solar, wind etc.	Community/Other	Support	Long	TBA
	Combined kindergarten, childcare and intergenerational centre.	Council/Community	Deliver/Advocate/Support	Long	TBA
	Walking track to Rainbow Lake including under road pedestrian / bike crossing / or safe road crossing option.	Council/Community	Deliver/Support	Short	TBA
	Increased worker rental accommodation options including for health care employees.	Council/Other	Deliver/Advocate/Support	Short	\$500,000

PRIORITISED STRONG IMMEDIATE (SHORT TERM) / HIGH IMPACT INITIATIVES

Location	Initiative	Responsible (Council/Community/Other)	Council Role	Time Frame	Cost Est.
Dimboola	Promotion of Men's Shed to attract more members / participants.	Community	Support	Six months	TBA
	Feature lighting of Lloyd Street trees.	Community	Support	Six months	TBA
	Reduction of speed limit between Wimmera and Lochiel Streets.	Council	Advocate	Immediate	TBA
	Installation of an ice machine / freezer at Riverside Holiday Park.	Council/Other	Deliver/Support	Immediate	TBA
	Supply and installation of a street piano.	Community/Other	Support	Twelve months	TBA
	Installation of permanent art works in the library.	Council	Deliver	Immediate	\$3,000
	Utilisation of former CFA Building for community use.	Council/Community/Other	Deliver/Advocate/Support	Twelve months	TBA
	Establishment of a proper information centre.	Council	Deliver	Twelve months	TBA
	Installation of community notice boards.	Council	Deliver	Six months	\$5,000
	Installation of additional rubbish bins at tourism destinations.	Council	Deliver	Twelve months	TBA
	Increased shade at the bus shelter	Council	Deliver	Immediate	TBA
Decorate empty shop fronts.	Community/Other	Support	Immediate	TBA	
Jeparit	Collaborative community / street arts projects (mosaic birds).	Community	Support	Six months	TBA
	Enforce removal of un-registered and dumped cars from streets and houses etc and enforce yards to be tidied / mowed etc.	Council	Deliver	Immediate	TBA
	Re-painting of parking bays.	Council	Deliver	Immediate	TBA
	Swimming pontoon at new deck at Swimming Hole.	Council	Deliver	Twelve months	\$100,000
	Improved streetscapes - bin wraps, metal art, etc.	Council/Community	Deliver/Support	Twelve months	\$50,000

PRIORITISED STRONG IMMEDIATE (SHORT TERM) / HIGH IMPACT INITIATIVES

Location	Initiative	Responsible (Council/Community/Other)	Council Role	Time Frame	Cost Est.
Jeparit	Landscape and improve RV Dump Point (student art).	Council/Community	Deliver/Support	Immediate	\$5,000
	Establish musical and arts festivals – New Years Eve concert at the Swimming Hole.	Council/Community	Deliver/Support	Twelve months	\$10,000
	Keep the Jeparit swimming pool open and for longer periods during the season.	Council/Other	Deliver/Advocate	Twelve months	TBA
	Re-open the Men’s Shed.	Community	Support	Twelve months	TBA
Nhill	Establish a dog off leash park in Nhill.	Council/Community	Deliver/Support	Six months	\$50,000
	Improve tourism signage around Nhill and the shire.	Council/Community	Deliver/Support	Twelve months	TBA
	Continued redevelopment of the Nhill Caravan Park.	Council	Deliver/Advocate	Immediate	TBA
	Continued redevelopment of Victoria Street, Nhill.	Council/Community	Deliver/Support	Immediate	TBA
Rainbow	Walking track to Rainbow Lake including under road pedestrian / bike crossing / or safe road crossing option.	Council/Community	Deliver/Support	Twelve months	TBA
	Improved all-ability access in to / out of the Rainbow Swimming Pool e.g., ‘lifting chair / hoist’.	Council	Deliver	Immediate	TBA
	Continued support for the Big Sky Festival at The Oasis.	Council	Deliver	Immediate	TBA
	Continued advocacy for funding for better roads.	Council	Deliver	Twelve months	\$100,000
	Improve signage for the Rainbow Caravan Park.	Council/Community	Deliver/Support	Twelve months	\$50,000
	Increased levels of gutter and culvert cleaning.	Council/Community	Deliver/Support	Immediate	\$5,000
	Improve parking bays in Federal Street including provision of all-ability car parks.	Council/Community	Deliver/Support	Twelve months	\$10,000

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Location	Initiative	Responsible (Council/Community/Other)	Council Role	Time Frame	Cost Est.
Rainbow	Establishment of a tourism trail - Pella / Albacutya Silo.	Council/Other	Deliver/ Advocate	Twelve months	TBA
	Establish visitors parking at Llew Schilling silo.	Council	Deliver	Twelve months	TBA
	Redevelop entrance to the Recreation Reserve.	Council	Deliver	Twelve months	TBA
	Promote Rainbow as a 'work from home' destination.	Council/Community	Deliver/Support	Twelve months	TBA
	Establish an information centre in the old Council offices / increase tourism promotion in local businesses e.g., Service Station, Café etc.	Council	Deliver	Six months	TBA
	Advocate to reduce speed limit to 40kph / 50kph in Taverner Street.	Council/Community	Advocate/ Support	Six months	TBA
	Improved vehicle /caravan visitor parking.	Council	Deliver	Immediate	TBA
	Establishment of a pump / BMX track at the Recreation Reserve.	Community	Support	Six months	TBA
	Improve public toilets facilities - including at The Oasis, MECCA, Lake Albacutya, Swimming Pool.	Council/Other	Deliver/ Advocate	Twelve months	TBA
	Subsidised community pensioner firewood program.	Community	Support	Twelve months	TBA



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30 October 2023

To Committee Members,
“as addressed”

NOTICE is hereby given that a Nhill Township Advisory Committee Meeting of the Hindmarsh Shire Council will be held at the Nhill Senior Citizens on 30 October 2023 commencing at 7:30pm.

AGENDA

1. Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community

2. Apologies

3. Disclosure by Committee members or Councillors or Council Officers of any interest or conflicts of interest in any item on the agenda

4. Confirmation of Minutes

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

6. Correspondence

In

- Nhill Leos Club – Invoice for garden tools

7. Events

7.1 Christmas Carols

8. General business as notified to the Chair

8.1 Dog Park Working Group

8.2 Signage working group

8.3 Access to NTC email and Facebook account

9. Councillor Report

10. Officer Report

11. Urgent business

12. Finance report

13. Decisions to be made

14. Meeting Closed

15. Council Officer Authorisation

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER

Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community

We acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the lands of the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk Nations and we acknowledge them as Traditional Owners of Country.

We recognise the important ongoing role that Indigenous people have in our community and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

2. APOLOGIES

- Rhys Webb
- Soleil Arboladura

Attendees: Monica Revell Hindmarsh Shire Council CEO (acting), Daniel Griffiths (Council Officer), Pauline McCracken (Chairperson), Heather Dufty, Ross Barker, Helen Woodhouse-Herrick, Cr Melanie Albrecht (Councillor) Cr Wendy Bywaters, Alison Dahlenburg, Michael Hyde, Tina Balter.

3. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS OR OFFICERS OF ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

- General conflict of interest; or
- Material conflict of interest

Declaration of general or material conflict of interest must also be advised by Committee Members at the commencement of discussion of the specific item.

No conflicts of interest declared.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Nhill Township Committee Meeting held on 19 June 2023 at the NMCC circulated to Committee Members be taken as read and confirmed.

Attachment: 1

Moved: Tina Balter

Seconded: Cr Melanie Albrecht

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Nhill Leos Club – Garden tools invoice for \$300 inc. GST will be paid on the next Hindmarsh Shire Council payment run.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

INWARD

- Nhill Leos Club – Garden tools invoice, \$300 inc. GST.

OUTWARD

- Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the Outward Correspondence be approved, and the Inward Correspondence noted.

Moved: Pauline McCracken

Seconded: Ross Barker

7. EVENTS

Event:	<i>Nhill Christmas Carols</i>	Location:	<i>Jaypex Park</i>	Date	<i>16 Dec 2023</i>
<i>Relevant documents</i>					
	Responsibility	Due date	Status		
Risk assessment	<i>Heather Dufty</i>	22/11/23			
Food permit	<i>Heather Dufty</i>	22/11/23			
Local Law permit	<i>Heather Dufty</i>	22/11/23			

The following were all discussed together to determine a total budget for December 2023 events and activities:

- Nhill Christmas Carols 16 December.
- Late Night Shopping / Street Party 1 December.
- Christmas Lights event.
- Christmas Decorations

A motion was moved that the total budget for the above activities would be up to \$7,500.00.

The approximate breakup of costs is as listed below:

1. Dimboola/Nhill Brass Band (Late Night Shopping) - \$150.00
2. Glow Sticks - \$200.00
3. Carols Booklet - \$500.00
4. Posters and Advertising - \$800.00
5. Letter Box delivery and Australia Post - \$150.00
6. Childrens Activities for two events - \$300.00 x 2 = \$600.00
7. Sound Engineer - \$1,500.00
8. Lions BBQ and Lolly Bags - \$1,200.00
9. Gifts for Christmas Lights event - \$200.00
10. Christmas Decorations - \$200.00
11. Cherry Picker Hire and Labour - \$1,600.00
12. Raffle \$300.00
13. Santa Suit \$100.00

MOVED: Tina Balter

SECONDED: Michael Hyde

8. GENERAL BUSINESS AS NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIR

8.1 Dog Park Working Group.

It was decided that the members of the Dog Park Group would be:

- Ross Barker (lead)
- Tina Balter
- Michael Hyde
- Rhys Webb – to be confirmed.
- Melanie Albrecht

There was a general discussion regarding the Nhill dog park survey results which demonstrated mainstream support for this initiative and identified a number of preferred locations. Hindmarsh Shire Council CEO (acting) Monica Revell suggested that two locations only should be selected, and approvals sought from DWELP and Vic Roads where necessary. Suitable grant funding opportunities will be available soon, so it is important to have draft plans and preparations in place prior to applying for these grants.

8.2 Signage working group.

It was decided that the member of the Signage Working Group would be:

- Helen Woodhouse-Herrick (lead)
- Melanie Albrecht
- Tina Balter
- Heather Dufty
- Ross Barker

Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre have requested that their sign be relocated closer to the highway possibly replacing the 'Land of the Lowan' sign. A new sign location for the NAHC was discussed as was the difficulty in obtaining Vic Roads approval for new signs.

The refurbishment of the 'Land of Lowan' sign or a direct swap for a similar new sign were also discussed.

New signage at the entrances to Nhill, like those located in other towns including Horsham, was discussed. The purpose of the signs would be to promote events, features, and landmarks in and around the town i.e., Nhill Lake. The installation of these signs will be subject to Vic Roads approval and available funding.

8.3 Access to NTC email and Facebook account.

Chairperson Pauline McCracken already has access. Secretary to have access, Hindmarsh Shire Council Council CEO (acting) Monica Revell to enable this.

9. COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cr Melanie Albrecht spoke about the Draft Economic Development Strategy 2024-2028 which is currently on the front page of the Hindmarsh Shire Council website. This strategy will facilitate growth generally but also in tourism, accommodation, and events.

The Nhill Caravan Park Redevelopment Master Plan has been budgeted and plans

and strategies will be developed for this project.

The planned Nhill Swimming Pool solar heating is awaiting the Department of Education lease to be finalised so the contractor can complete the installation.

Hindmarsh Shire Council Business and Community Grants programs have just been concluded. These grant opportunities were not fully subscribed which meant that not all the funds available were distributed. Cr Melanie Albrecht appealed to Hindmarsh Shire business and community groups to make full use of the grant opportunities.

10. OFFICER REPORT

Council Officer Daniel Griffiths showed pictures of new bin surrounds for Recyclable items, Glass, and General Rubbish. These surrounds are to be located at Jaypex Park and nearby to the main pedestrian crossing in Victoria St Nhill. It was suggested that the bin surrounds at Jaypex Park be located close to the BBQ area, rather than the carpark area as originally suggested.

11. URGENT BUSINESS

Christmas Carols event:

Tasks for this event were discussed at the previous informal meeting at the RSL hall on 11 October 2023. These included:

Heather Duffy:

Event registration and risk assessment, sound engineer, fire truck and Santa.

Alison Dahlenburg:

Media promotion, posters, content for advertising, events flyers and delivery, children's activities, and craft.

Cr Melanie Albrecht:

Music, songs, song book, event MC.

Rhys Webb:

Musicians, food, and drink vendors in conjunction with Heather and Melanie, Samoan fire dance and associated risk management, Christmas Lights event and glow sticks.

MC for the Carols event will be Ritchie Dodds.

The event finish will be later than previous years at around 9:30pm

Alternative Meeting Day:

An alternative meeting day for the Nhill Town Committee was discussed due to Mondays not being suitable for a few members. It was decided as a three-month trial that meetings would be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm

Planning/Strategy Day:

Chairperson Pauline McCracken suggested a planning/strategy day would be useful to explore ideas and to get to know more about Nhill Town Committee team members. It was thought that February would be the best month and the meeting should be on a weekend, possibly at the Little Desert Nature Lodge.

Welcome to New Residents:

Cr Wendy Bywaters suggested that new residents to Nhill should be acknowledged, and a welcoming event take place. Hindmarsh Shire Council have \$500.00 in the budget for this type of event.

Hindmarsh Shire CEO (acting) Monica Revell explained what is happening with the Nhill railway station. There will be a meeting with VicTrack to discuss repairs, add-ons and toilet upgrades at the station.

12. FINANCE REPORT

The current finance report was not available at the time of the meeting.

12.1 Summary of Balances in Finance Report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Finance Report as provided with this Agenda be approved.

Moved

Seconded

12.2 Purchase Orders to be raised - \$2,000 or less

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council Officer raise the following Purchase Orders, being a value of \$2,000 or less.

Moved

Seconded

Creditor	Value \$	Description of Goods or Services
Nhill Leos Club	300	Garden tools for community gardens

12.3 Purchase Orders to be raised – Greater than \$2,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council Officer, following approval by Council or the CEO, raise the following Purchase Orders greater than \$2,000.

Moved

Seconded

Creditor	Value \$ (> \$2,000)	Description of Goods or Services

13. DECISIONS TO BE MADE

The following decisions are recommendations to Council for endorsement:

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10	Officer's Report	
11	Urgent Business	
12.1	Finance Report	That the Finance Report as provided with the Agenda be approved.
12.2	Purchase Orders to be Raised (\$2,000 or less)	That the Council Officer raise the Purchase Orders listed.
12.3	Purchase Orders to be Raised (above \$2,000)	That the Council Officer, following approval by Council or the CEO, raise the following Purchase Orders listed which are greater than \$2,000.

14. MEETING CLOSED

The meeting closed at 8:39pm

15. COUNCIL OFFICER AUTHORISATION


*to be completed by the Council Officer

I Daniel Griffiths accept the following recommendations made by the Nhill Committee at this meeting held on 30 October 2023:

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12.1	Finance Report	That the Finance Report as provided with the Agenda be approved.
12.2	Purchase Orders to be Raised (\$2,000 or less)	That the Council Officer raise the Purchase Orders listed.

SIGNED:

Council Officer



Dated:

___17/11/23___



13th November 2023

MINUTES OF THE JEPARIT TOWNSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON 13TH NOVEMBER 2023 at the Memorial Hall, Roy Street, Jeparit at 7.35pm.

Present: Ms. H. Boyd (Manager Finance & Customer Service HSC), Teresa Smith (Vice-Chair), Cheryl Quinn (Sec), Mel Wagener (CM), Sharon Reilly (CM) Annmarie Werner (CM), Craige Proctor (CM), including Wendy Werner, Tony Simpson, Colin Moore and Fay Gourdes (Community Members).

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2. APOLOGIES

Mr. B. Ireland (Mayor HSC), Jason Hutson (Chair-Person) and Tara Paech (CM).

3. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS OR OFFICERS OF ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

- General conflict of interest; or
- Material conflict of interest

Declaration of general or material conflict of interest must also be advised by Committee Members at the commencement of discussion of the specific item.

NIL.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the JTAC Committee Meeting held on 9th October, 2023 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall, Roy Street, Jeparit. circulated to Committee Members be taken as read and confirmed

(Attachment: 1)

Moved: Mel Wagener

Seconded: Annmarie Werner

Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 (9.3) Further to Jeparit Kinder, the establishment will remain in use for the next twelve months with Jeparit Primary School taking over the future running dynamics

6. CORRESPONDENCE

INWARD:

- 6.1** P. Bell (Community Member) - Apology for October meeting 9/10/23
- 6.2** P. Bell (Community Member) copy Re Tax Invoice 10/10/23
- 6.3** Dept. Health – Code verification 11/10/23
- 6.4** Dept. Health – Code verification 11/10/23
- 6.5** B. Huxley (HSC) – New Res Bags 11/10/23
- 6.6** B. Huxley (HSC) – New Res Bags Drop Off 11/10/23
- 6.7** Dept. Health – Code verification 11/10/23
- 6.8** P. Bell (Community Member) - Tax Invoice for Hire of equipment 12/10/23
- 6.9** J. Woodward (HSC) Re: Menzies Square event 13/10/23
- 6.10** B. Huxley (HSC) – Final draft of Oct Min & Purch. Orders 13/10/23
- 6.11** Dept. Health – Code verification 15/10/23
- 6.12** Dept. Health – Code verification 15/10/23
- 6.13** J. Woodward (HSC) Re: Menzies Square event FORMS 18/10/23
- 6.14** Dept. Health – Code verification 19/10/23
- 6.15** S. Johnson (HSC) Re: Australia Day event 20/10/23
- 6.16** C. Proctor (Committee Member) Aust. Day response 20/10/23
- 6.17** Dept. Health – Code verification 20/10/23
- 6.18** Dept. Health – Code verification 20/10/23
- 6.19** S. Reilly (Committee Member) Agenda Item 24/10/23
- 6.20** S. Johnson (HSC) Australia Day Event 26/10/23
- 6.21** J. Woodward (HSC) Re: Food Trader Statement 26/10/23
- 6.22** B. Huxley (HSC) – Bin Positioning & Creditor forms 31/10/23
- 6.23** B. Huxley (HSC) – Auto Response 3/11/23
- 6.24** C. Proctor (Committee Member) Bin positioning 3/11/23
- 6.25** T. Smith (Committee Member) Bin positioning 3/11/23
- 6.26** B. Ireland (Mayor) HSC Bin positioning / B. Huxley forwarded info 3/11/23
- 6.27** S. Reilly (Committee Member) Bin positioning 6/11/23
- 6.28** S. Reilly (Committee Member) Reimbursement Form 6/11/23
- 6.29** Heather Boyd (HSC) Financial Report 6/11/23
- 6.30** Heather Boyd (HSC) Communication directive 8/11/23

OUTWARD:

- 6.31** T. Smith (Committee Member) Dept. Health – Code verification 11/10/23
- 6.32** T. Smith (Committee Member) Dept. Health – Code verification 11/10/23
- 6.33** T. Smith (Committee Member) Dept. Health – Code verification 11/10/23
- 6.34** B. Huxley (HSC) – Reply to Welcome Bags 11/10/23
- 6.35** B. Huxley (HSC) – JTAC Minutes Draft & Tax Invoice 12/10/23
- 6.36** P. Bell (Community Member) – Reconnect to Jeparit funds 12/10/23
- 6.37** P. Bell (Community Member) copy Re Tax Invoice 12/10/23
- 6.38** T. Smith (Committee Member) Risk Assessment 13/10/23
- 6.39** T. Smith (Committee Member) Documentation requirement 15/10/23
- 6.40** Committee Members Final Minutes of October Meeting 15/10/23
- 6.41** B. Ireland (Mayor) HSC Final Minutes of Meeting 15/10/23
- 6.42** B. Huxley (HSC) – Purchase Orders query 15/10/23

- 6.43 T. Smith (Committee Member) Paperwork Forms 18/10/23
- 6.44 J. Woodward (HSC) Re: Food Trader Statement 18/10/23
- 6.45 T. Smith (Committee Member) Dept. Health – Code verification 19/10/23
- 6.46 Committee Members re Australia Day Event thoughts 20/20/23
- 6.47 T. Smith (Committee Member) Dept. Health – Code verification 20/10/23
- 6.48 T. Smith (Committee Member) Dept. Health – Code verification 20/10/23
- 6.49 T. Smith (Committee Member) Dept. Health – Code verification 20/10/23
- 6.50 T. Smith (Committee Member) Dept. Health – Code verification 20/10/23
- 6.51 S. Reilly (Committee Member) Agenda Item 23/10/23
- 6.52 S. Reilly (Committee Member) Items in need of replacement 23/10/23
- 6.53 S. Johnson (HSC) Re: Australia Day Event 25/10/23
- 6.54 T. Smith (Committee Member) Food Trader Cert 26/10/23
- 6.55 B. Huxley (HSC) document request 3/11/23
- 6.56 B. Ireland (Mayor) HSC Re: auto Response from B. Huxley 3/11/23
- 6.57 Committee Members – Pictures of bin receptacles 3/11/23
- 6.58 S. Reilly (Committee Member) Creditors form 3/11/23
- 6.59 P. Bell (Community Member) Creditors form 3/11/23
- 6.60 C. Proctor (Committee Member) Reply to contact 3/11/23
- 6.61 B. Ireland (Mayor) HSC Re: Direction of communication 3/11/23
- 6.62 Committee Members – Agenda, Fin State & Previous Minutes – 8/11/23
- 6.63 B. Ireland (Mayor - HSC), H. Boyd (That the Outward Correspondence be approved and the Inward Correspondence noted.

Moved: Craige Proctor

Seconded: Sharon Reilly

Carried

7. EVENTS

7.1.

Event:	Location:	Date	
<i>Relevant documents</i>			
	Responsibility	Due date	Status
Risk assessment			
Food permit			
Local Law permit			

7.2

Event:	Location:	Date	
<i>Relevant documents</i>			
	Responsibility	Due date	Status
Risk assessment			
Food permit			
Local Law permit			

Moved:

Seconded:

8. GENERAL BUSINESS AS NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIR

8.1 Community member Ms. F. Gourdes (Jeparit) explained concern for adding value to our community, incorporating freedom, employment access, mental health and additional access to V. Lines and transportation to Horsham for medical or personal needs. Craige Proctor **Moved:** That the JTAC Secretary write a letter of support for Ms. Gourdes on the township's transportation issues.

Seconded: Annemarie Werner

Carried

8.2 Sharon Reilly (CM) – Reminded that refurbishment of BBQ trailer with items is needed and the need to purchase a new urn for up and coming events. Terese Smith **Moved:** that Sharon Reilly (CM) using the Supermarket account restock the BBQ and obtain quotes for new Urn from existing creditors of HSC.

Seconded: Annemarie Werner

Carried

8.3 Discussion was held over priorities for 2024/25 Budget Submissions. Ms. H. Boyd (HSC) strongly urged financial contributions to submission items. This submission is normally required by the middle of January, 2024, however an extension of time is possible if necessary.

8.4 JTAC Community Member for nomination for our Australia Day Event. Discussion to be held early January 2024. Nominations welcome and will be shared among Committee Members.

8.5 X-mas light completion 2023:

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|----|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. | Best Christmas lights | \$100.00 Supermarket Voucher |
| 2. | Runner up to Best Christmas Lights | \$80.00 Supermarket Voucher |
| 3. | Best new Entrant to the competition | \$80.00 Supermarket Voucher |

8.6 JTAC Secretary asked to write to GWM regarding road repair in Broadway Jeparit.

9. COUNCILLOR REPORT

9.1 Swimming hole nearing completion with landscaping next on the agenda. Pathways, lawn, sprinkler system and solar lights outside Cabins and W.C.'s. George Street closure. Removable bollards, trees and shrubs and new play equipment. Official opening February 2024.

9.2 In the next few weeks river water influx for breeding of Yellow Belly could cause some flooding on bike track.

9.3 YMCA pool season opening this coming weekend. Previously the Jeparit Primary School has given students free pool season family passes, it is unsure if this has continued this season. (CM) T. Smith will enquire.

9.4 Mayor Mr. Brett Ireland sent his Christmas wishes to all Committee members.

10. OFFICER REPORT

10.1 Phil King (HSC) will be conducting a drop in afternoon on Monday 27th November 2023 for consultation. Further information will be forthcoming.

11. URGENT BUSINESS

12. FINANCE REPORT

12.1 Summary of Balances in Finance Report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Finance Reports as provided with this Agenda be approved.

Moved: Craige Proctor

Seconded: Mel Wagener

Carried

12.2 Purchase Orders to be raised - \$2,000 or less

Moved:
Seconded:

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	DECISION

**12.3 Purchase Orders to be raised – Greater than \$2,000
NIL.**

13. DECISIONS TO BE MADE

The following decisions are recommendations to Council for endorsement:

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
4	Minutes	Confirmation of the Minutes
5	Business Arising from Minutes	Nil
6	Correspondence	Approving the Outward Correspondence and Noting the Inward.
7	Events	Nil
8	General Business as Notified to the Chair	8.1 & 8.2
9	Councillor's Report	9.1, 9.2, 9.3 & 9.4
10	Officer's Report	10.1, & 10.2
11	Urgent Business	11.1, 11.2, 11.3 & 11.4
12.1	Finance Report	Not Furnished.
12.2	Purchase Orders to be Raised (\$2,000 or less)	That the Council Officer raise the Purchase Orders listed. (8.6) & (8.8)
12.3	Purchase Orders to be Raised (above \$2,000)	Nil

14. MEETING CLOSED

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

15. COUNCIL OFFICER AUTHORISATION
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*to be completed by Council Officer

I, Heather Boyd accept the following recommendations made by the

JTA Committee at this meeting held on 13th November 2023

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
4	Minutes	Confirmation of the Minutes
5	Business Arising from Minutes	Nil
6	Correspondence	Approving the Outward Correspondence and Noting the Inward.
7	Events	Nil
8	General Business as Notified to the Chair	8.1 & 8.2
9	Councillor's Report	9.1, 9.2, 9.3 & 9.4
10	Officer's Report	10.1, 10.2 & 10.3
11	Urgent Business	11.1, 11.2, 11.3 & 11.4
12.1	Finance Report	That the Finance Report as provided with the Agenda be approved.
12.2	Purchase Orders to be Raised (\$2,000 or less)	That the Council Officer raise the Purchase Orders listed.

I _____ advise that the following items:

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	DECISION

- Need to be referred to a Council Meeting / CEO for a decision
- Require more Information
- Do No align with the Hindmarsh Shire Council Plan

SIGNED: Council Officer 

Dated: _20/11/2023



20th November 2023

To Committee Members,
“as addressed”

NOTICE is hereby given that a Rainbow Advisory Committee Meeting of the Hindmarsh Shire Council will be held at the Supper rooms on Monday 20th November commencing at [7:30pm].

AGENDA

1. Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community

2. Apologies

3. Disclosure by Committee members or Councillors or Council Officers of any interest or conflicts of interest in any item on the agenda

4. Confirmation of Minutes

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

6. Correspondence

7. Events

8. General business as notified to the Chair

A. Discussion on the joint meeting with the RPA

B. Christmas lighting of the tree night – Friday Dec 1st

C. Corner of Grey & Taverner street

9. Councillor Report

10. Officer Report

11. Urgent business

12. Finance report

13. Decisions to be made

14. Meeting Closed

15. Council Officer Authorisation

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER

Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community

We acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the lands of the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk Nations and we acknowledge them as Traditional Owners of Country.

We recognise the important ongoing role that Indigenous people have in our community and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

2. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

In attendance : Allira Roberts, Greg Roberts, Roger Aitken Belinda Eckermann, Graham Nuske, Ron Ismay, Mick Henderson, Colleen Petschel

Apologies : Norelle Eckermann

Move that apologies be accepted – Roger/Graham AiF C

3. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS OR OFFICERS OF ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

NA

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Rainbow Committee Meeting held on 18th September 2023 at the Supper rooms circulated to Committee Members be taken as read and confirmed. *Allira/Belinda AiF C*

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Location of second lot of bins – suggested to go out in front of the craft shop

Motion : The second set of bins to be located outside the craft shop, subject to the approval of the learning group. Graham/Belinda AiF C

Colleen to contact Barb Young to discuss the proposed location

6. CORRESPONDENCE

INWARD

- Nil*

OUTWARD

- Foodtraders form for Christmas lights activity*

RECOMMENDATION

That the Outward Correspondence be approved and the Inward Correspondence noted.

Moved : Belinda

Seconded : Allira

7. EVENTS

Event:	<i>Christmas Lights</i>	Location:	<i>Federal street outside the post office</i>	Date	<i>1st Dec 2023</i>
<i>Relevant documents</i>					
	Responsibility	Due date	Status		
Risk assessment	<i>Colleen Petschel & Allira Roberts</i>	1-12-23	<i>In progress</i>		
Food permit	<i>Allira Roberts</i>	20-11-23	<i>completed</i>		
Local Law permit	-				

8. GENERAL BUSINESS AS NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIR

8.1 Discussion on the joint meeting with the RPA

- Discussion oh how the joint meeting went
- Discussed potential structures
 - As a sub- committee of the RPA
 - Merging with the RPA
- Emphasized the need to maintain that close Shire connection
- Homework is for all RTC members to think through the options and see which is the best fit..if any
- Definitely important not to rush the process

8.2 Christmas lighting of the town tree

- Colleen outlined the activities for the night
- Posters will go up on the Rainbow and Shire Facebook pages & around town
- Thanks to Allira for completing the paperwork for Foodtraders

8.3 Corner of Grey & Taverner Street

- All sorted!
- Allan Roberts came to the rescue
- Discussed the power of the agenda!
- The issue relates to the collapse of the cement slab on the corner..so only a temporary fix at this stage

9. COUNCILLOR REPORT
All covered in Officer's report

10. OFFICER REPORT

CARVAN PARK

- The amenities block and two new cabins all to be connected in the first week of December.
- Builders will be completed by the 24/11 and the plumbers just need to hook up pipes.
- Bookings to be completed online
- Allira asked who decided on the location of where the amenities block was located at the caravan park*

SWIMMING POOL

- Opened on Saturday 18/11
- The hoist has been installed and is working well

LLEWS SILO

- Tenders close 13/12
- brief discussion of new design

11. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

12. FINANCE REPORT

12.1 Summary of Balances in Finance Report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Finance Report as provided with this Agenda be approved.

Moved Colleen

Seconded Graham

12.2 Purchase Orders to be raised - \$2,000 or less

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council Officer raise the following Purchase Orders, being a value of \$2,000 or less.

Moved

Seconded

Creditor	Value \$	Description of Goods or Services

12.3 Purchase Orders to be raised – Greater than \$2,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council Officer, following approval by Council or the CEO, raise the following Purchase Orders greater than \$2,000.

Moved

Seconded

Creditor	Value \$ (> \$2,000)	Description of Goods or Services

13. DECISIONS TO BE MADE

The following decisions are recommendations to Council for endorsement:

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7	Events	
8	General Business as Notified to the Chair	
9	Councillor's Report	
10	Officer's Report	
11	Urgent Business	
12.1	Finance Report	That the Finance Report as provided with the Agenda be approved.
12.2	Purchase Orders to be Raised (\$2,000 or less)	That the Council Officer raise the Purchase Orders listed.
12.3	Purchase Orders to be Raised (above \$2,000)	That the Council Officer, following approval by Council or the CEO, raise the following Purchase Orders listed which are greater than \$2,000.

14. MEETING CLOSED

The meeting closed at 8:34pm

15. COUNCIL OFFICER AUTHORISATION

*to be completed by the Council Officer

I Michael Henderson accept the following recommendations made by the Rainbow Town Advisory Committee at this meeting held on 20th November 2023.

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
4	Minutes	Confirmation of the Minutes
5	Business Arising from Minutes	
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7	Events	
8	General Business as Notified to the Chair	

9	Councillor's Report	
10	Officer's Report	
11	Urgent Business	
12.1	Finance Report	That the Finance Report as provided with the Agenda be approved.
12.2	Purchase Orders to be Raised (\$2,000 or less)	That the Council Officer raise the Purchase Orders listed.

I [redacted] advise that the following items:

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
12.3	Purchase Orders to be Raised (above \$2,000)	That the Council Officer, following approval by Council or the CEO, raise the following Purchase Orders listed which are greater than \$2,000.

- Need to be referred to a Council Meeting / CEO for a decision
- Require more Information
- Do No align with the Hindmarsh Shire Council Plan

SIGNED:



Dated:

27/11/2023

Yurunga Homestead Community Asset Committee

General Meeting, Thursday, October 26th, 2023, Yurunga dining room, 7:30pm

Draft Minutes

Welcome and Opening at 7:33. Welcome back Lou!

Members present: Jennifer Solly (Chair), Peter Solly (Secretary/Treasurer), Heather Drendel, Colin Drendel, Lou Ravenhorst

Visitors: Mayor Cr Brett Ireland, (Hindmarsh Shire)

Apologies: Text message apology found after the meeting from Jeff Woodward.

Additional items for General Business (to be accepted at Chairperson's discretion)

- Update on blinds – Heather
- Plumbing above verandah roof at back door can now be done
- Update on exterior painting
- Volunteer hours

Declaration by a Councilor, Officer or Committee Member of any direct or indirect interest in any item on the agenda

Nil

Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated

Moved: Heather Drendel, Lou Ravenhorst – That the minutes of the general meeting held on September 21st 2023 as circulated be accepted as a true and accurate record. c/d

Business Arising:

- Oct 10: After a huge effort and many hours of toil, we met our goal to have every room presented in top condition for the Trade Travel group. Well done!! The visitors were very complimentary about the lunch and tour. Thanks to Allan Roberts for mowing the lawn and removing rubbish
- Oct 15: It was all hands on deck for our reopening Sunday. Twelve visitors from neighbouring towns and Melbourne came through. There were several very positive comments
- Welcome back to Committee member Lou Ravenhorst and volunteer Robyn Ravenhorst! The purse with Yurunga key and change is now available from their letterbox at 90 Taverner Street for Sunday volunteers
- We hope to have the Sunday duty roster finalized early next week, ready to be emailed to volunteers and The Argus. Thank you to Robyn Ravenhorst for offering to do duty this Sunday, October 22nd, as well as look after a tour group of Hopetoun ladies on Friday, October 20th
- Oct 18: Thanks to Peter for taking a group from Wycheproof through

- Oct 16: We are waiting on a price from the Learning Group for photocopying our new visitor brochure, for one side printed in colour and one side black and white
- Sept 27: Brooke Mellington sent a text to Peter in response to our offer of \$10 per lm for their Baltic pine flooring (\$2,700). They are asking for [REDACTED] per lm ([REDACTED])
- Oct 19: Robyn Creek and employee measured up windows in the grant rooms and bathroom for blinds. A quote could take two weeks
- Oct 21: Dr Gary (heritage consultant) and Frank (painter from Mildura) met at Yurunga to discuss the exterior grant painting. Frank is to prepare a quote on the work
- Dr Gary will ask a conservator he knows about restoring the damaged panel on the Liesfield painted silk fire screen (in the men's room)
- Oct 26: Dr Gary rang Peter re Frank the painter from Mildura and Roof and drainage
- Oct 26: New Brochures collected today from Learning Group, price 20c + GST each for 100 copies

Correspondence In (Emails)

- Oct 2: Jeff Woodward to Peter re will follow up with Belinda about the mural protective coat and budget for defibrillator
- Oct 16: Mick Henderson (Manager Assets and Facilities) to Peter re toilet signage and meeting committee in near future
- Oct 18x2: Jeff Woodward to Peter re wording a more formal motion to request approval from CEO to spend \$5,000 on urns. It is suggested that we wait for a firm quote

(Letters)

- Dated Sept 30: Invoice from Hindmarsh Shire Council to Yurunga Committee re food premises registration, \$72.00, due 30/10/'23
- Dated Oct 10: Cover letter, form and two invoices from Council to the Yurunga Committee re renewal of food registrations. \$72.00 due on 4/3/'23 and \$175.00 for Class 3, 2024 registration of Yurunga
- Heather and Jenny also received forms but no invoices for their home kitchens

Late Correspondence In (Emails)

- Oct 26: Jo Thomas, Rainbow Learning Group & Neighbourhood House Inc re account for photocopying visitor brochures \$22.00

Correspondence Out (Emails)

- Oct 1&3: Peter to Jeff W re protective coating on Belinda's mural and the defibrillator
- Oct 16: Peter to Mick Henderson re contact for maintenance issues and request for new toilet door sign

- Oct 16: Peter to Shauna Johnson re request for approval from the CEO to spend more than \$2,000 on garden urn
- Oct 16: Peter to S86 re draft minutes September 21st meeting
- Oct 18: Peter to Jeff W re price on garden urns

Late Correspondence Out
(Emails)

- Oct 25: Peter to Dr Gary Minerva Heritage re roof plumbing – Cleighton to do work instead of Lachie Robinson
- Oct 26: Jenny to Jo Thomas re thanks

Moved: Col Drendel, Lou Ravenhorst,- That the inward correspondence be received and the outward endorsed. c/d

Reports

~ Financial

Yurunga Homestead Community Asset Committee

Financial Report

September 1st 2023 to September 30th 2023

Opening Balance per statement at 1st September \$12,780.44

Plus Income:

Entries	
General entries	\$20.00
Total Income	\$20.00

Less Expenses:

Total Expenses	\$0.00
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Closing Balance per statement 30th September \$12,800.44

Term Deposit reinvested with interest on 28th April 2023
at 3.95% % interest pa for 12 months .

To be reinvested by April 28th 2024 \$5,090.82

Peter Solly Secretary/Treasurer, Yurunga Homestead Community Asset Committee

Moved: Peter Solly, Lou Ravenhorst – That the financial report be accepted. c/d

Moved: Heather Drendel, Lou Ravenhorst - That as we earn no interest on our Society Cheque Account, we move \$10,000.00 to a Commonwealth Bank Term Deposit for 3 months at the best available interest rate. c/d

~Mayor, Cr Brett Ireland

- The new CEO was meant to start on 18th Oct but is ill and will start in the new year. Monica Revell is acting CEO. A new Director of Infrastructure is to start soon.
- Two new cabins are due for the Rainbow Caravan Park. We are lobbying for more. The new amenities block is opening soon. Hope for more powered sites
- Shire is working to have Covid vaccination requirement removed
- Jeparit Rainbow Football Netball club will merge with Hopetoun and Beulah. It may be necessary to nominate just two grounds to be maintained.
- Llew's Silo project is being reviewed and a community consultation will happen.
- The Shire Statutory meeting is on November 8th.
- The Pioneer Museum had its AGM recently with no office bearers nominated. It has a large committee. It also has significant OHS issues.
- The container deposit scheme is about to start. We may be able to get donations from this. Contact Tomra Cleanaway via their website.

~ Jeff Woodward – Late apology

Moved: Col Drendel, Heather Drendel - That the Hindmarsh Shire report be received. c/d

General Business

- Baltic Pine Flooring. Mellingtons are asking for [REDACTED] for the lot. We offered \$2,700.00 being \$10.00 per lineal metre.

Moved: Lou Ravenhorst, Heather Drendel – That given the quantity and unknown quality, we do not accept the price but maintain our offer of \$2,700.00. c/d

- Wording a more formal motion to request approval from the CEO to spend more than \$2,000 on two garden urns (when a firm quote/price is received). A motion will be passed when we have a firm quote.
- A family offer has been made to have a glass case made for Wyn Salt's outfit, which is on display in the master bedroom. It is suggested that we write to Joy McLean, seeking information on exactly what they envisage and explaining that it needs to fit in to the style of the property.
- Update on reinstating the original drainage system and possible painting of the school room. Dr Gary Hill is thinking about a working bee

(volunteers) to do the drainage system. This would save money. The grant expenditure can then be finalized. Should money be over then the school room can be scraped and painted.

- Having our exhibits officially catalogued. This would enable us to access grants to restore/protect significant items such as the Liesfield painted fire screen and the Matuschka Christening robe. We would need a grant for this. Dr Gary Hill could help but not for a while. We need to be on the lookout for grants to have our exhibits catalogued. Shire support is required.
- Replacing the torn wire on the back door – We need to find the right tradesman, possibly ask Kernel (Darron Cook)
- Purchasing a suitable mop and bucket – Heather is to purchase this and be reimbursed.
- Making a date to meet Mick Henderson at Yurunga (his request). Suggested we ask him when it suits with a couple of options.
- Update on blinds – Heather has done some research and will do some measuring and get some quotes.
- Plumbing above verandah roof at back door can now be done. The stormwater diverter needs to be replaced. Cleighton can be approached to do the work but a new quote may be needed as the original quote was from Robinson Plumbing.
- Update on exterior painting. “Frank from Mildura” will do the work and has a strategy for working on the verandah roof without damaging it. The start date is unknown.
- Volunteer hours – it is recommend that we report, collate and minute these monthly.
- Action items update: The only item needing attention is finding old photos of the west wall of the Coach House. It is suggested we ask on the Rainbow Famous Australian Town Facebook page.

_Meeting closed 9:35

Bookings

New booking: Wednesday 8th November Birchip Planned Activity Group, max 10 ppl. 1 pm arrival tour only Contact XXXXXXXXXX

Friday, 1st December, 2023, tentative booking at this stage, lunch and tour, Nhill Visitor Centre volunteers

Contact: Helen Woodhouse-Herrick. 0427 042 750

Wednesday, May 22, 2024, lunch and tour, Martin's Albury group, 40 ppl, arrival 11:30am

Contact: [REDACTED]

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 23, 2023 (Christmas meal?) at Solly's 6:00 meeting

If you have an idea or would like some action taken, please notify the Secretary or Chairperson so that it can go on the agenda for discussion at the meeting. If something comes up after the agenda goes out (usually a week before the meeting, it can be listed on the night.



2023

To Committee Members,
"as addressed"

NOTICE is hereby given that a Rainbow Community Asset Committee **General Meeting** of the Hindmarsh Shire Council will be held at the Civic Small meeting room on 8th November 2023 commencing at 7:30pm.

AGENDA

Attending: Graham Petschell, Colleen Petschell, Rob Koning, Peter Solly & Kate Hutson

Visitors,

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY

We acknowledge the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk Nations as Traditional Owners of Country.

We recognise the important ongoing role that Indigenous people have in our community and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

2 APOLOGIES

Petra Coot, Manager Governance and Human Services, Mayor Councillor Brett Ireland, Treasurer Karen Koning & Alan Lehmann

Motion: to accept apologies

Moved: Colleen Petschell

Second: Graham Petschell - Carried

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - None

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION: that the minutes circulated to members from the last general meeting held on 31st July 2023 be taken as read and to be adopted.

Moved: Graham Petschell **Second:** Colleen Petschell - Carried

5 CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Inward

Email: from Petra Croot Manager Governance and human services re Community Asset Information (FW)

5.2 Outward

5.3 Email sent to Aidan Dent Re civic centre door repairs, removal of old water air conditioners and refurbishment of the windows where the air conditioners were on Butter factory lane side.

5.4 Advertisement placed in Rainbow Argus advising contacts and hall key location information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Outward Correspondence be approved and the Inward Correspondence noted.

Moved: Peter Solly

Second: Graham Petschell Carried

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Chairperson with some ideas to keep the hall viable to discuss.

6.1 [Review Hire Rules:](#)

Make Changes to Civic Centre Hire Conditions Sheet as follows;

- Change Marshman's Café to Hayden's Café
- Change the KEY phone number from [REDACTED] to 0488951469

Moved: Colleen Petschell **Second:** Peter - Carried

6.2 [Review Hall, supper Room and kitchen hire fees:](#)

Graham Petschell Moved: that the Hall Hire Fees Remain the same for another year and that we need to check with Hindmarsh Shire for current Insurance Fees are still correct.

Second: Peter Solly - Carried

A recommendation was suggested by Colleen Petschel that we need to upgrade the list by moving the Glass Hire and Bain Maree to a list of its own as "Optional Extras". All agreed

I will attend to that prior to the next general meeting

6.3 [Discuss /review offer made to badminton club to use the hall, \(insurance, cleaning, fees and rules\)](#)

Robert Koning is to contact Petra Coot to discuss with her the viability of allowing the Badminton Club to use the Mecca for their sport beginning approximately May 2024.

6.4 [Discuss plays both School and Rainbow Players.](#)

Representatives from both groups stated that they intended to use the Civic Centre for future productions.

6.5 [Hall back-room storage for Christmas decorative equipment and Rainbow players equipment.](#)

There has been a request from an independent group to store Christmas lights and decorations (for Federal Street) in the back room of the main hall. Colleen Petschell is to

contact the group recommending a Letter of Request be sent to our committee which should include the amount of space required by them.

The Rainbow Players is also storing Scene Sets in the same space.

We are to do a check to ascertain what is there, if anything can be removed and work out if anything needs to be done to keep the area safe.

6.6 Research the possibility of bringing movies back to the hall, feasibility study with calculated costs involved.

Rob is to research costing of work required to make this possible with the view of having a movie quarterly and/or on special occasions eg Show Night

6.7 Clean and paint front awning of The Mecca

Due to safety issues arising from this task, Rob will discuss this with The Shire for recommendations, or is it Capital Works

6.8 Research possibilities of purchasing a robot vacuum cleaner for constant floor cleaning.

Rob will research the possibility of purchasing a Robot Vacuum cleaner to ascertain the cost of unit, and also if we need a domestic or industrial unit due to the size of the Mecca floor

6.9 Someone to be responsible to place rubbish bins to the front of hall when required on Sunday and return to back of hall on Monday.

Graham Petschel has volunteered to put the bins out on a Sunday Night following a function and bring them in again. If he is unable to attend to this, he is to contact Rob Koning

OTHER BUSINESS

1. A cleaning roster was discussed for the hall. It was decided that Karen Koning, our Booking Officer, would let us know when a function is on and we would then have a Working Bee.
2. Karen has asked if she would be allowed to do the Accounts via Netbank. She is to contact the Shire and ask if this is permissible.
3. **Peter Solly moved:** that, providing permission was given from the Shire in Written Form, Karen could go ahead and set up Net Banking. **Second:** Graham Petschell - Carried

7 FINANCE REPORT Bank Balance of \$6,536.70

7.1 Summary of balances in finance report

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Finance Report as provided with this Agenda be approved, and any accounts to be passed for payment.

Moved: Peter Solly

Second: Colleen Petschell - Carried

AS there was no further business the meeting closed.

8 MEETING CLOSED @ 2100 hrs
